



Will the Cathedral leave Cathedral Place?

Harvey Shepherd

Operating in the red, Christ Church Cathedral would like to sell, lease or rent the office and meeting space it has shared with the Diocese of Montreal for 25 years on the second and third floors of the office tower behind the Cathedral.

Responding to a letter from the dean of the cathedral, Very Rev. Paul Kennington, tabled at the January meeting of the Diocesan Council, Bishop Barry Clarke said representatives of the diocese and the committee would meet to look at the complex issues involved and possible solutions.

Apparently these could involve the cathedral and conceivably the diocese vacating all or some of the space and, in the case of the diocese, finding cheaper quarters elsewhere. Dean Kennington thinks the office needs of the cathedral could be accommodated in quarters the cathedral already has. These include an existing mezzanine under the St. Catherine Street end of the cathedral, known as the Undercroft and a chapter house in the cathedral. It would also like to remain in an octagonal space at the street entrance at 1433 Union Avenue, known as the Atrium, and a spacious, windowed elevated passageway between the cathedral and the second storey of the office tower.

Some or all of the quarters in the office tower could be rented or sub-leased to one or more third parties or perhaps somehow revert to the landlord of the Tour KPMG office tower, Oxford Properties Group – which is also a long-term tenant of the diocese, the cathedral and the Canadian Bible Society under a long-term lease.

The diocese already sublets the former quarters of the former Diocesan Book Room in the Promenades Cathédrale shopping mall under the office tower to a commercial bookstore. The mezzanine Bible

Society bookroom at the St. Catherine Street end of the shopping mall might not be immediately affected.

In any event, complex and probably arduous negotiations among the cathedral, the diocese, Oxford Properties and others would no doubt be required under the complex agreements hammered out in the 1980s among the two Anglican parties, the Bible Society and the developers, under which the office tower and mall were built on leased land behind and under the cathedral.

The diocese expects to receive \$372,000 in ground rent this year under the long-term lease, but to pay “occupancy costs” of \$97,700 to Oxford Properties and others for rent, heat, cleaning and other charges. That’s a significant sum, although nowhere near what comparable downtown quarters would cost on the open market. The figures for the cathedral are fairly similar.

Dean Kennington’s letter, tabled at the January meeting of the Diocesan Council but dated last November 29, says that for 25 years the cathedral has enjoyed an excellent relationship; with the diocese regarding office space and the second-storey Fulford Hall, but 25 years ago occupancy charges were small and the cathedral staff far larger than today.

Occupancy charges increased in recent years and are now around \$100,000. Paid and volunteer staff have drastically declined so that much of the third-floor space allocated to the cathedral is not being used.

“A number of significant factors now impel the Cathedral Corporation to ask the Diocese seriously and urgently to investigate the possibility of the cathedral leaving the occupancy partnership it currently shares with the diocese and enabling the cathedral to move out of much of the second and third floor of the KPMG tower.”

Fulford Hall, while an excellent



DUNCAN SHADDICK, who was a key negotiator for Christ Church Cathedral in the 1980s in the deal under which the KPMG office tower was built with space for cathedral and diocesan offices, and who is still a cathedral volunteer, pores over a report in an area that once bustled with cathedral staff and volunteers.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

venue for larger events, is a poor venue for smaller ones, he writes. Smaller groups could easily use the Undercroft.

“If the cathedral percentage of the second and third floor were sold,

leased or rented, this together with the saving of the current office charges would make a significant increase to the cathedral’s income.

“The cathedral currently runs a deficit budget and would prefer to be spending money on mission, outreach and evangelism rather than rental of high quality office space, however beautiful, which is both beyond our means and beyond our requirements. In addition the cathedral will have to invest in a major fund-raising campaign for the restoration or removal of the spire, which is corroding and which could become a danger in the next 10 years. Removal would cost in the

region of \$1.4 million, restoration in the region of \$4 million.

“...I would like to stress the importance and urgency of this request. Over the next five years occupancy and office charges will continue to rise and the cathedral will simply not be in a position to meet them financially.”

Bishop Clarke said two or three members of the Diocesan Council would be selected to meet with representatives of the Cathedral corporation.

“What the dean has asked is for us to come together and that is what we are prepared to do.”

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Oswald Slattery shaped Anglo-Catholic parish

Rev. Canon Oswald Slattery, who came Montreal as assistant curate at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in 1955, served as rector for 22 years from 1971 and played a decisive part in preserving and shaping the Anglo-Catholic parish, died peacefully January 22 at the age of 85.

The funeral was at St. John’s on January 25.

He also served as rector of St. Clements in Prince William, N.B., St. James Farnham, St. Stephen’s Lachine, St. Columba N.D.G. and St. Athanasius Verdun (a parish of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada).

His wife of 48 years, Frances Marie Pyne, predeceased him but he is survived by four children, three grandchildren and many friends and admirers.

For more details, see Page 5.



OSWALD SLATTERY at a 2012 celebration of the 60th anniversary of his ordination. (Photo: Janet Best)

Please mark your calendars! Diocesan Synod 2014

The theme of the **155th Synod** of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal is **CALLED TO GROW**

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Bishop urges parishes to share their stories

Here are extracts from a communiqué issued by Bishop Barry Clarke in January and otherwise made up largely of announcements.

Greetings in the name of our Lord in this New Year.

Prayer: *Oh God, our times are in your hands, but we pray for your favour on your church as guided by your Holy Spirit, filled with the love of Jesus, who shares in partnership with you in your mission. We pray that we understand your mission of love to be expressed through compassion, justice, healing and reconciliation. And that guided by your spirit, we may fulfill our calling, our vocation as disciples, living out the Marks of Mission that we, in the Anglican Communion, have placed before us. And we pray that they are consistent with your longing and desire for us as partners with you in your mission of love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

I first want to say thank you to each of you as clergy and laity for your faithfulness in your respective ministries and your leadership both through the diocese and the wider church. You are a blessing to me and to the church. May God continue to strengthen you in the ministries to which you share in the life of the Diocese.

It is with much pleasure that I announce new exciting ministries that two parishes in the Diocese are embarking on. Brittany Love has been appointed as "Emerging Ministries Pastor" at St James the Apostle, Montreal. In addition Afra Saskia Tucker starts her in the new role of 'Young Adult Emerging Ministry Facilitator' at The Church of the Epiphany, Verdun. Lastly, Scott Evans is returning to the Diocese of Montreal for 3 months to undertake a leadership development project with our younger leaders in the Downtown area. It is an encouragement to see parishes take bold steps to develop and resource imaginative new ministries.

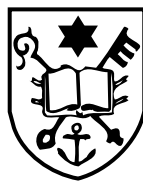
Lenten resources

I would like to encourage you consider using one of these very fine new resources available to help adults explore their Christian faith and discipleship in God's mission:

• **Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey** is a major new teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England. It aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day. It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group



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of fellow travellers. Learn more on their website www.pilgrim-course.org. Resources are available through Augsburg Fortress Press.

• **Animate: Faith or Animate Bible** These are two creative and imaginative video-based studies. One focuses on the Scriptures and our relationship with the Bible, the other focuses on major aspects of faith: God, religion, Jesus, salvation, the cross, the Bible, and church. In the videos participants will hear from contemporary Christian leaders. Through the video presentations, discussions and journaling, participants are engaged and inspired to connect with their faith. *Animate* encourages everyone—including the facilitator—to participate in the experience, have a point of view, and deepen faith. Learn more at animate.wearesparkhouse.org Resources are available through Augsburg Fortress Press.

• **Becoming the Story we Tell** is a new resource from our National Church's Task force of Christian Hospitality. This is a comprehensive set of resources to help parishes focus on renewing our sense of baptismal identity and calling by re-entering the deep drama of the gospel, and restoring the connection between our baptism and our annual immersion

in the story of Christ's Passion. It includes study materials, liturgical guides, sermon resources, and parish day outlines. The resources are free and downloadable. Follow the links at www.anglican.ca/primate/becoming/ (Congregational Development Officer Janet Marshall has copies of each of these resources. Don't hesitate to contact her at jmarshall@montreal.anglican.ca if you would like to take a look at them before making your choice.

(Editor's note: While the bishop listed these in January as Lenten resources, he said in a later conversation that they would be suitable for individual or parish use at any time.)

Thoughts

One of my joys as I travel around the diocese is to be part of worshipping communities that are meeting some of the new challenges of being church in local communities in the 21st century, using some of the work of the Ministry Action Plan. They often tell me their stories. It is important to share these stories so that we can all benefit from the importance of how we are all engaged in God's mission.

+ Barry

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Canada briefs

Ottawa diocese plans women's conference

Thirty lay women in the diocese of Ottawa have already expressed interest in travelling to the diocese of Jerusalem in April 2015 for a 10-day women's conference in support of the growing partnership between the two dioceses. Plans for the event, to be held in different areas of the Diocese of Jerusalem, began to unfold shortly after the visit to Ottawa last October by the bishop of Jerusalem, Suheil Dawani, and his wife, Shafeeqa, to the diocesan synod. Shafeeqa Dawani and Catherine Chapman, wife of Bishop John Chapman of Ottawa, pitched the idea to synod members and received positive

responses. Registration is limited to 40 people; those interested should email the synod office: heididanson@ottawa.anglican.ca

Crosstalk

Sisterhood of St. John the Divine celebrates 130th anniversary

On Sept. 8, members of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (SSJD) will mark the 130th anniversary of their order. It was on that date that Hannah Grier Coome made her life profession at Peekskill, New York. From there, Mother Foundress with Novice Aimee moved to Toronto and began the work that became known as SSJD.

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Companionship with Jerusalem 'has implications,' bishop says

Harvey Shepherd

The Diocese of Montreal has signed up as part of what the primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, calls "a vehicle that enables us to have a meaningful relationship; with our Christian brothers and sisters" in the Holy Land.

By early February, Montreal was one of eight dioceses, 15 parishes and 60 individuals to join the "Canadian Companions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem" for a contribution of \$500 a diocese, \$250 a parish and \$50 an individual. The initiative will also encourage prayer and visits.

Bishop Barry Clarke said at the January meeting of the Montreal Diocesan Council that the \$500 is "insignificant" in itself but he hopes it and complementary efforts will have a significant effect on awareness and attitudes.

In Montreal briefly for a meeting of the advisory council of the Canadian Companions, the primate said the national body had made a first contribution of \$12,000 to the Penman Clinic, a community clinic in Zebabdeh in the north of the West Bank, associated with St Matthew's



ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR CATHEDRAL, Jerusalem

(from the Diocese of Jerusalem website)

Parish. About 60 per cent of the local community are Christians but the clinic's services are available to all 60,000 people in the area, regardless of faith.

The clinic is only one of a range of health institutions, schools and other services run by the Episcopal Diocese, serving Christians, Muslims and Jews. These include St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus on the West Bank, Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza and the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan.

"That's the amazing thing about the diocese," Archbishop Hiltz said. "They see themselves as there to serve."

The primate said the Canadian Companions are a response to a document called Kairos Palestine, issued by the patriarchs and other leaders of Christian churches in the Holy Land in 2009 and asking Christians around the world to stand with them in opposition of Israeli occupation in the territories. The Canadian Companions are also a response to a resolution adopted by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada last year.

He said the Anglican Church of Canada is for now not actively promoting boycott and divestment campaigns directed against Israeli economic activity in the territories,

although the idea is put forward in the Kairos Palestine document and has been taken up by some other churches. In conformity with the 2013 General Synod resolution it is encouraging study of the idea.

Rev. Professor Patricia Kirkpatrick of McGill University, vice chair of the advisory committee, told the Diocesan Council that the Canadian Companions grew out of the impact a trip to the Holy Land in 2008 made on the primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz. He also discussed the idea with Bishop Suheil Dawani of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

"This is a program to help parishes in Canada understand what the Holy Land is," she said.

The Companions will also try to offset some of the "horrible theologizing" indulged in by some Christian visitors to Israel.

Rev. Sophie Rolland of the Diocese of Montreal mission committee said it hopes parishes and individuals in the diocese will undertake their own efforts of to make ties with the Diocese of Jerusalem.

She said the Companionship project differs significantly from the

partnership the Diocese of Montreal has with, for example, the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia). For one thing, that partnership is between two partners, while it is hoped the Canadian Companions will spread across Canada.

(The Diocese of Ottawa, as well as participating in the Canadian Companions, has a bilateral companionship with the Diocese of Jerusalem. An article in the January *Montreal Anglican* tended to conflate the two.)

Bishop Barry Clarke said participating in the Canadian Companions "will have implications for us as a diocese."

He said links with the Diocese of Jerusalem, which covers several countries and territories, not just Israel, points up that for the Companions the Holy Land is not just the State of Israel, as it is for many Israelis.

The Diocese of Jerusalem covers a large territory that includes Palestine, Israel, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. Bishop Dawani said recently that there are now only about 7,000 Anglicans in it, compared with to about 30,000 in 1967.

Pilgrimage bolsters call for partnership with Jerusalem

Pilgrimage overlapped with visit by prime minister

A group of 16 pilgrims organized by St. George's Church Place du Canada and led by the rector, Rev. Bill Gray, picked an eventful time for a January 12-20 pilgrimage to Israel.

When the pilgrims arrived, the state funeral of former Israeli president Ariel Sharon was taking place. Towards the end of the pilgrimage, while the pilgrims were in Jerusalem, Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrived for a state visit to Israel and the pilgrims could watch the local news, peppered with stories about the prime minister and Canada, and witness numerous Canadian flags along the streets of the government district. Canada is highly regarded by the current Israeli government for its support.

Father Bill believes the tour will greatly enhance the call of Archbishop Fred Hiltz, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, for Canadian dioceses to partner with the diocese of Jerusalem and the recent decision of the Diocese of Montreal to do so.

The group was particularly interested in its contacts with local Anglicans and Christians, including a visit to the Anglican Cathedral of St. George in Jerusalem.

The group were told that the Cathedral congregation and ministry as well as that of the Diocese of Jerusalem includes many regional Arab and Palestinian Christians as well as people of other national origins. The Episcopal bishop of Jerusalem, Right Rev. Suheil Dawani, is a Palestinian.

The Diocese of Jerusalem operates a large school comprised mostly of Arab children as well as a hospital in Gaza.

The visit to Bethlehem, in the West Bank, was conducted by a Palestinian Christian.

Father Bill and Rev. Canon Bruce Glencross of St. John the Baptist Church in Pointe Claire, provided scripture readings, prayer, medita-

tion, reflections and the Eucharist at many of the holy sites.

Within Israel, the pilgrims considered themselves fortunate to have as their guide Shmuel Hadar, an Israeli Jew and one of the pre-eminent and senior tour managers of Israel, known for his knowledge, intellect and expertise regarding the historic, religious and geopolitical influences upon the region. He also demonstrated a great understanding of human nature and diversity and proved to be an incredible speaker and narrator.

The visits to the Holy Sites were very moving and many were spiritually inspired by being at such places as the Western Wall, the Sea of Galilee, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Garden Tomb, the Church of the Nativity and the Church of the Transfiguration, Father Gray said. In Jerusalem, pilgrims visited the tunnels adjacent to the Western Wall as well and walked through throngs of people in the marketplace after prayers. It was enriching to experience the diverse cultures and religions of the ancient city.

The itinerary also included Tel Aviv, the Mediterranean shore, Haifa, Mount Carmel and Tabor, the region of Galilee, Nazareth, Beit Shean, the Golan Heights, Baniyas, the Jordan Valley, the West Bank, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Qumran, Masada and the Dead Sea.

The pilgrims included the wives of the two priests, Ruth Gray and Carol Parker-Glencross, two of St. George's wardens, Chris Gardiner and Nicole Borntraeger, along with their spouses, several other parish members and members of other Montreal-area churches.

Pilgrims agreed this pilgrimage was very worthwhile, the visit of a lifetime and life-changing for many, Father Bill said.



PILGRIMS SHARED AN OUTDOOR EUCHARIST at the site of the Mount of Beatitudes on the Sea of Galilee. Rev. Bill Gray is vested.

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Montreal-Masasi: the plot thickens

Harvey Shepherd

The companion relationship between the Diocese of Montreal and a diocese in Tanzania has caught the attention of an official of the Anglican Church of Canada who hopes it can contribute to counteracting misinformation about North American Anglicans among some African.

However, there are misgivings that the companion relationship between the Diocese of Montreal and the Diocese of Masasi, in a mainly rural and largely poor area in the southern part of Tanzania, bordering on Mozambique and the Indian Ocean, may have also caught the attention of some African Anglicans with a different agenda.

In a letter read out by Bishop Barry Clarke at the January meeting of the Montreal Diocesan Council, Rev. Canon Kawuki Mukasa, global relations officer for Africa, says the Anglican Church of Canada would like to build on the good will that Montreal has helped to sustain in relations with Africa. He invites the diocese to work collaboratively with other Canadian dioceses that have companion links with African dioceses “to explore ways of reclaiming the reputation that Canada used to enjoy in African Provinces” before a “campaign of misinformation” by an international group called the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans.

The Montreal-Masasi companion relationship, aimed like other such companion relations at strengthening each participant in ministry and mission, has existed since 2008 and

was renewed in 2012 for a second five-year period. Bishop Patrick Mwachiko and Rev. Geoffrey Monjesa, development officer for the African diocese, attended the Montreal diocesan synod. Among other things, the relationship included visits back and forth between the bishops of the two dioceses and other Anglicans, some modest gift-giving and, of course, prayers.

However, the companionship has been inactive for about a year, because Masasi has been without a bishop. Bishop Mwachiko stepped down on reaching the age of 65, as required by the rules of his diocese.

Probably part of the lengthy delay in choosing a successor was related to the fact that the church in Tanzania also needed to select a new primate.

The Bishop of Mpwapwa, Dr. Jacob Erasto Chimeledya, was installed as primate May 18 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Dodoma at a ceremony attended by the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

The previous February, Archbishop Chimeledya narrowly defeated the incumbent, Archbishop Valentino Mokiwa in an election for a five-year term as primate.

A report on the installation in May by the Anglican Communion News Service suggests civility and respect may be among the new archbishop's priorities.

The news service said Archbishop Chimeledya did not waste this opportunity to speak to the country's political leaders. He urged the

government to take action against those guilty of “hate speech” especially the mass media and those who publish comments online. With particular reference to the relationship between Muslims and Christians he asked Tanzanians to not just tolerate one another, but respect each other. “We only tolerate an enemy, not our fellow citizens,” he said.

The Archbishop also announced a plan by the Anglican Church of Tanzania to begin a new micro-finance bank that will support small business enterprises in the country, and he appealed to the government to support the Church in its efforts to address people's needs.

Penny Noël, a member of the Montreal diocesan partnership committee active in supporting the Masasi companionship, who has tried to keep in touch with developments in Masasi, said the reasons for the continuing delay in electing a new bishop even with a new primate in place seem obscure.

She said they are at least partly procedural. The Anglican Church of Tanzania at one point required Masasi to re-start an election process it found faulty. However, she is worried that the issue of the how African Anglicans should react to the relatively liberal attitude of The Episcopal Church (in the United States) and Anglican Church of Canada may be involved in some way.

Largely at Mrs. Noël's initiative, the Diocese of Montreal recently added a Prayer Cycle for Masasi to the prayer cycles and lists on the



BISHOPS BARRY CLARKE AND PATRICK MWACHIKO ordain Geoffrey Monjesa, development officer in the Masasi Diocese, as a deacon at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Mark in Dorval in 2012. He was later ordained as a priest in his own diocese.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

diocesan website. In a brief preamble, the partnership committee of the Montreal Diocese says, “The Diocese of Masasi is counting on our prayers to help them remain a moderate diocese.”

A roster running from February 2

to December 7 includes the Ecclesiastical Province of Tanzania, Archbishops Chimeledya and Mokiwa, the Diocese of Masasi “as they search for a new bishop,” Bishop Mwachiko and a list of deaneries, schools, parishes, clergy and others.

Six dioceses have African companions

Based on information from the Anglican Church of Canada website, here is a list of Canadian Anglican dioceses with companion relationships with dioceses in Africa: Diocese of Edmonton with Diocese of Buye, Burundi. Begun: 2009; Diocese of Fredericton with Diocese of Ho, Ghana, Church of the Province of West Africa. Begun: 2007; Diocese of Montreal with Diocese of Masasi, Tanzania, Begun 2008, renewed 2012; Diocese of Qu'Appelle (see: Regina) with Diocese of Musinga, Burundi. Begun: 2009; Diocese of Quebec (see: Quebec City) with Diocese of Bujumbura, Burundi. Begun: 2009 and Diocese of Rupert's Land (see: Winnipeg) with Diocese of Central Buganda, Uganda. Begun 1996, renewed: 2001, 2007, 2012.

Diverse audience honours Mandela at concert

Jette

The late Nelson Mandela was honoured at a memorial service on January 26 at the Church of St. James the Apostle in downtown Montreal. Terry Mosher (aka Aislin) contributed a special drawing and the program was a musical treat that included two selections from the tal-

ented group Soulstice a Capella and a rich solo by Khai Lewis, also without accompaniment. Two original numbers, based on scripture, by the Vivienne Dean trio, with Nancy Hinkson and Deborah Burrows were also featured.

Archdeacon Linda Borden Taylor of St. James the Apostle served as

host and several other clergy read scripture or related personal stories about their own connection to Madiba, as Nelson Mandela is also known. Among them were Rev. Canon Joyce Sanchez of Trinity Memorial Church, Rev. Samuel King-Kabu of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Rev. Deacon Walter Majola,

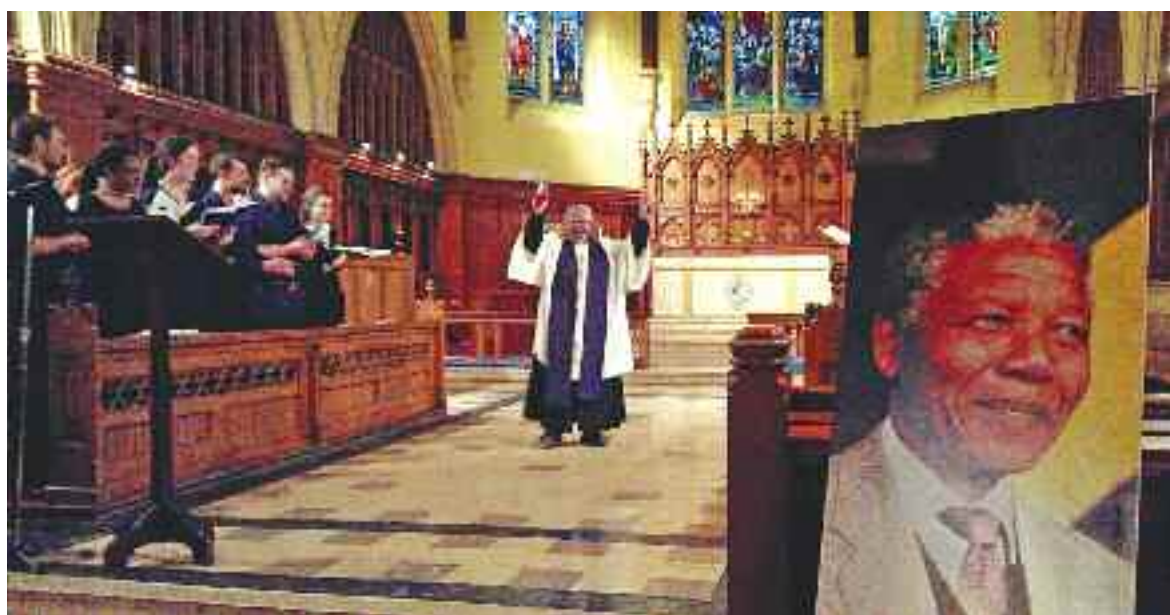
retired from the Diocese of Yukon, and Reverend Emmanuel Ofori of Union United Church. Bishop Barry Clarke also attended.

Wilhelmina Fredericks, director of Zerf Productions, who organized the event, gave a moving rendition of her first encounter with Mandela when she, together with her family,

witnessed Mandela's first steps into freedom, when he was released from jail after many years of captivity.

People from many nations and religions took part in the service, as audience members. The organist was Scott Bradford, director of Music at St. James the Apostle.

Jette, is active in Zerf Productions.



DEACON WALTER MAJOLA leads the congregation, including members of the Soulstice a Capella choir, in a rousing spiritual.

(Photos: René Sanchez)



WILHELMINA FREDERICKS of Zerf Productions speaks.

Council says citizenship bill makes Canada less welcoming

The Canadian Council for Refugees expressed its concern over provisions in the citizenship bill (Bill C-24) tabled February 6 that would strip citizenship from dual citizens in certain situations.

“Citizenship is a fundamental status – not something that is ‘deserved.’ It is wrong to use citizenship rules to punish people for wrong-

doing – that's the role of the criminal system,” said Loly Rico, President. “Treating dual citizens differently is discriminatory and violates the fundamental principle that all citizens are equal.”

The Council also opposes the proposal to make permanent residents wait longer before they can apply for citizenship. Extending the wait peri-

od undermines efforts to integrate newcomers.

Offering citizenship is a key way Canada embraces newcomers and encourages them to quickly become full participating members of our society. Traditionally this has been an area where Canada excelled.

However, recently there have been increasing barriers to citizenship,

many of which have a particular impact on refugees who have suffered persecution and long years of deprivation. Existing barriers include new requirements regarding language competence, the extra and very onerous residence questionnaire now imposed on more applicants and long processing delays.

The bill adds new barriers that are

of particular concern for refugees, including an increase in fees (up to \$400) and extending language and knowledge test requirements to more applicants (14-64 years, up from 18-54 years), the Council says.

The Anglican Diocese of Montreal supports the Canadian Council for Refugees through its partnership in Action Réfugiés Montréal.

Obituaries

Father Humphrey Oswald Slattery: 1928-2014

The parish we know is very much the legacy of the Slattery years.

Peter Harper

This article is an abridged and edited version of one distributed with the service leaflet at the funeral January 26 of Rev. Canon Humphrey Oswald Slattery at the Church of St. John the Evangelist. It is by Dr. Peter Harper, an active parishioner of that parish and active in chronicling its history.

Early Years

Humphrey Oswald Slattery was born on April 3rd 1928 in Rugby and was baptized on May 13th in the local Anglo-Catholic Church of St. Oswald. (The name Humphrey was for his maternal grandfather, Humphrey Thomas, a policeman in Moretonhamstead, in Dartmoor, Devon.) Oswald was the only child of only children, his father having been brought up in an orphanage. Oswald's father served in the Great War, where he lost an eye. He later convalesced at the Annexe of St. Dunstan's Blinded Soldiers and Sailors Hostel in Torquay where Oswald's grandmother worked and his mother helped out. Oswald's parents met there and married in 1919. They settled in Rugby where Mr. Slattery worked in a machine shop. Oswald went to the local Church of England School of St. Oswald. He was confirmed on April 11 1941 in nearby Bilton. After the war, he was conscripted into the Army for two years and served in Britain, but most of his time was spent in Singapore and Burma. He did not recall having done anything useful there, except learning obedience and patience.

Theological training and diaconate

His childhood desire to become a priest increased with his contacts with the military chaplains. Back home in 1949, he took up training for the priesthood with the Brotherhood of Saint Paul. This was a private Anglican theological college founded in 1910 by the Rev. Edward Mears (1864-1947) in his parish of Little Bardfield. It was run on a shoestring; the students lodged locally and studied at the rectory. The college was looked upon with suspicion by some English bishops

because of its high liturgical practices and theological teaching. The college trained priests mostly for the Commonwealth, where it maintained an excellent reputation with the "colonial" bishops.

When Father Slattery arrived, Father Mears had retired (1940) and the warden was Canon S. C. Joad. The College was then in Barton, but the regimen was the same. Oswald spent two years there, doing three years in two, at four terms a year.

Their studies ended, the students had to seek ordination from an overseas bishop. So on February 11 1951 Oswald Slattery was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Henry Handley Vully de Candole, bishop of Knaresborough in North Yorkshire, but for the bishop of Fredericton in New Brunswick.

Early ministry in New Brunswick

In May of the same year, the young deacon set off for his first curacy at the Parish of Trinity, the main parish in Saint John, N.B. There he learned the ropes of city ministry in a low-broad church environment.

He was slated for ordination to the priesthood on March 25 1952, but when Bishop William Henry Moorhead realised that Deacon Oswald did not have the 24 years of age required by the Prayer Book, the ordination was postponed a few days to April 6, Palm Sunday.

In 1953, he married Frances Marie Pyne (also an only child). They honeymooned in Britain and brought back his mother Mrs. Slattery to live with them. He was put in charge of the parish of Prince William, N.B., with four churches along the St. John River. Susan, their first child, was born there. Frances was a great support to him in the parishes they worked in and is well remembered for her communicative laughter and her talent as an organizer.

Curacy at St. John the Evangelist

Father Slattery learned of the Church of St. John the Evangelist through a religious sister, visited and celebrated mass there and enthusias-

tically accepted the curacy that the rector, Father Harold Leopold Hertzler, offered him in 1955. The Slatterys lived in cramped accommodations in the rectory and three more children were born there. Father Hertzler proved to be an excellent and fair mentor who completed Father Oswald's priestly training along Catholic lines.

His own parishes

In 1958, Father Slattery became rector of Farnham, then in 1963 of St. Stephen's Lachine and finally in 1968 of St. Columba N.D.G. Farnham always had a special place in his heart, for it was his first real parish and it was where the children were raised. Frances, who died 10 years ago, is buried in the churchyard of St. James, where Father Slattery has joined her there.

Rector of St. John the Evangelist

In 1971, Father Slattery became rector of St. John's. The situation was not encouraging. The previous rector, Father Paul F.W. Busing, was an impatient reformer of great talent and impressive background (having studied as a Lutheran seminarian with Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Nazi Germany in the 1930s), but was hindered by a lack of Anglo-Catholic experience. He had attempted liturgical reforms, but they had not stuck, the congregation had dwindled, daily mass was abandoned, and the closing of the parish was not only envisaged but announced in the press by the diocese (September 1970, along with three other downtown churches).

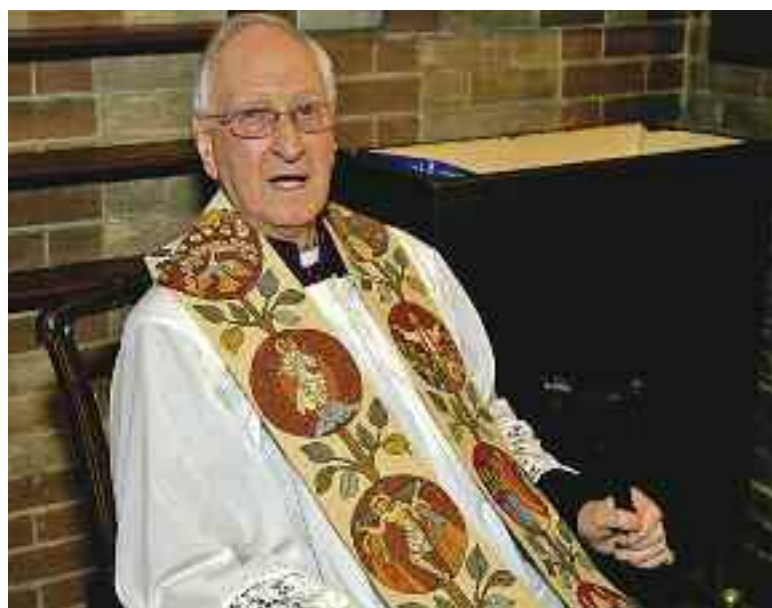
By enrolling Father Slattery as their rector, the remaining handful of parishioners expressed their faith in the historic mission of St. John's along her traditional lines. The first task was a daunting one, to rebuild the congregation and restore parish life. This was facilitated somewhat by the return of a number of former parishioners.

Yet the enterprise was made more difficult by two events, imposed from without. In 1971 there developed a *Plan of Union between the Anglican, United Churches and the Disciples of Christ*, which was rejected by the Anglicans only in 1975. This seemed to place the Anglicans within the Protestant camp with little provision for Anglo-Catholics.

More disturbing was the move in 1976 to ordain women to the priesthood, which many in the parish strongly opposed. A dozen of prominent, active and very supportive parishioners (including the wardens and many "daily mass people") left the parish to join the then-forming Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (1979) under Bishop Carmine de Cantazaro of Ottawa.

There was also worry about the fabric of the church. In the 1950s, in fear that the building might collapse, the walls were tied up and the slate roof removed as a temporary measure. The parish faith extended to the building as well and a large programme of repairs to the walls, foundations, roof, bell-tower, and floors was undertaken under the supervision of parishioner Ted Hall.

Discussion also arose about the future of the parish, in terms of litur-



REV. CANON OSWALD SLATTERY at a celebration at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in 2012 of the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

(Photo: Janet Best)

gy and music but also of the social, spiritual and intellectual environment. This discussion was often quite animated and sometimes difficult because it involved people with strong characters, and rich and contrasting opinions. Issues included the fate of St. Michael's Mission after the departure of the Sisters of St. John the Divine, the establishment of the present music program, the commissioning of the new organ and the sale of the rectory.

The parish we now know is very much the legacy of the Slattery years. This is particularly true of the liturgy, which could be called the "Hertzler-Slattery Rite." Father Slattery instituted the simple ritual we use at high mass, though we have since added somewhat to it. He had astutely organised it in such a way that he, as celebrant, kept control of the procedures, regardless of what the deacon and subdeacon might do, as long as they read the epistle and the gospel. On the other hand he knew that he could generally count on the servers.

Witnessing Father Slattery celebrating mass was a moving spiritual experience as many will remember. I was particularly privileged to stand at his side as his subdeacon at every high service for two full liturgical years in the early 1990s. There was even a saying at the time that "no mass is valid... unless celebrated by Father Slattery."

He was interested in liturgical

vestments and did much to enrich our collection (some of them designed by him and made by his mother). His flower arrangements on the altar were memorable.

He was a welcoming priest and put much effort into integrating newcomers into the congregation. He was also of very wise spiritual counsel, as many can attest. He was supportive of his people and always ready to listen.

He was made an honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral in 1974.

After his retirement in 1992, he ministered for a decade or so at the Church of St. Athanasius in Verdun set in an old Benedictine priory and once a funeral parlour. The parish was under the jurisdiction of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (Bishop Robert Mercer).

After his second retirement – from St. Athanasius – he came when he could to St. John's, mostly at high festivals, and sat at the back. It was always a pleasure to hear his unmistakable and strong voice lead the congregation along in singing the hymns like in the old days.

His health had been declining over the last few weeks and he was very sorry to miss the Christmas Morning Mass. His passing was peaceful. He faced the end with calm and hope and, in a conversation last Sunday, he spoke of God treating him well over his long life and added that "he was in God's hands" as always.



FATHER SLATTERY, then a curate, on the steps of St. John's with his Rector, Father Hertzler in the mid-1950s.



REMAINS OF REV. CANON OSWALD SLATTERY repose at the Church of St. John the Evangelist before his funeral.

(Photo: Janet Best)

MTL Youth Notes

Young adult ministries: new faces of 2014

Elizabeth Robertson

Elizabeth Robertson is MTL Youth program co-ordinator for the Diocese of Montreal.

Just when you're about to give up hope, the days start getting longer. And now it's so close you can almost smell it. Spring is just around the corner. And with it comes a whole new season of youth work around the diocese.

But before I get into what's coming up next, let me bring you up to speed on what's just happened. Recently, three brave parishes took the plunge and brought in some new talent. St. James the Apostle in Montreal recruited Brittany Love to be their new "Emerging Ministries Pastor." And, last but not least, St. Michael and All Angels in Pierrefonds expanded the job of their youth worker and brought in André Parris to fill that role. Now it's one thing to talk about reaching more young people – it's quite another to do something about it. The vision and commitment of these parishes are inspiring.

Brittany, Afra and André aren't the only newbies. I've recently come on board to help our Youth Officer, Mark Dunwoody. There are a lot of big ideas scribbled across the white-

board in his office. My job is to help make some of them happen. And maybe find another whiteboard.

Also joining us is Scott Evans. He arrived in February and will be around for three months. Scott is an Irish author, speaker and blogger who has a knack for connecting with people (usually over a pint.) Many of you had a chance to meet him the last time he came to town, in the fall of 2012. On that trip, he met with young people around the diocese and listened to what they had to say about how they see their faith evolving in the secular melting pot that is Montreal. This time, he's coming to train and develop our youth leaders. If you'd like Scott to come to your parish, just let us know.

In fact, training is a recurring theme in our activities this spring. If I had to summarize the next few months in three words, I'd say training, developing and strengthening. Here's a quick rundown of what's on the horizon:

- From March 14 to 16 we'll be holding a **Leaders Training Weekend** at the Manoir d'Youville in Châteauguay. It's geared towards long-time youth leaders who are looking for some inspiration, as well as newly-minted leaders who haven't a clue where to start. Scott



YOUTH WORKERS from several Montreal parishes got together and posed for a photo in front of the portraits of some venerable males from an earlier era. From left: Rev. Deacon Nick Pang of St. George's Place Canada, Elizabeth Robertson, MTL Youth program co-ordinator, Danielle Pierre, visiting from Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Afra Saskia Tucker of Epiphany Verdun, diocesan youth consultant Mark Dunwoody and Brittany Love of St. James the Apostle.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

- Evans will be running the show.
- On May 10th, we're inviting people from across the Diocese to take part in a one-day **Young Adult Ministry Symposium**. This will be a chance to get together, exchange ideas, and build relationships.
- Then, from June 20 to 23, we're inviting the entire province of Canada (the ecclesiastical province that is) to Montreal for a **Train the Trainer** course. The idea is to bring youth leaders in for some skill-based training, so they can go back to their home dioceses and train other leaders.
- In August, we'll participate in two important national events: the 2014 **Justice Camp** in Edmonton, Alta., and the **C.L.A.Y.** conference in Kamloops, B.C.

During the **Justice Camp**, participants from across the country will get together to look at a variety of justice issues up close. Each participant will choose one of seven themes: arts and social change, inter-religious perspectives, food ethics, ecology and conservation, aboriginal reconciliation, urban poverty, and the oil and gas industry. Participants will be immersed in the subject in order to develop the skills they need to be effective social justice leaders within their own communities. And when they say "immersed", they mean *immersed*. For example, the oil and gas Industry stream will include a trip to Fort McMurray to visit the oil/tar sands and meet with the locals to find out exactly what's at stake.

Together with the Partners in Mission committee, MTL Youth will send two young people (well, youngish – you have to be at least 18) to the Justice Camp to represent the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. We'll cover the flight, registration fee and accommodation. All you have to do is pack a suitcase and an inquiring mind.

C.L.A.Y. stands for Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth. This gathering takes place every two years and this year, it just happens to be in our sister diocese. C.L.A.Y. is a rare opportunity to get together with other young people from across Canada to worship, connect, explore and celebrate.

Again with our Partners in Mission committee, MTL Youth will subsidize the trip for eight young

people aged between 17 and 19 from across the diocese. We're also adding a bonus feature: our group will fly to Kamloops a few days before the official gathering to do some volunteer work, giving our time and talent to those who need it the most.

I could go on and on but I think I'll stop there. It doesn't seem fair to start listing activities for next fall when we still have our winter tires on. But do stay tuned because there's lots more coming up.

It's an exciting time.

If you'd like to find out more about any of the activities listed above, please contact me at erobertson@montreal.anglican.ca. I'm in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.



BRITTANY LOVE is the new "Emerging Ministries Pastor," focusing on young adults, at St. James the Apostle in Montreal.



ELIZABETH ROBERTSON, a versatile broadcaster, is the new MTL Youth program co-ordinator for the Diocese of Montreal.



ANDRÉ PARRIS is the new youth worker at St. Michael and All Angels in Pierrefonds

Return of the blogger

Scott Evans, Irish speaker, blogger and author, who spent some time in the Diocese of Montreal in 2012, is back in the diocese from the end of February until mid May.

Scott, who has just finished a speaking tour of the United States, will also speak at the years **CLAY** (Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth event) in Kamloops and will also be available for parish visits.

In his 10 weeks in the diocese, Scott will undertake a project called **Roots**, based on two principles, diocesan youth consultant Mark Dunwoody says:

- When examining the health of a forest, experts do not look at the size or strength of the trees that make up the forest. Instead, they base their conclusions on the ecosystem of the forest floor. What has grown tall and strong is a reflection of the past. What is growing on the floor is an indication of what the future holds.
- Mainline churches tend to experience a difference between make suggestions about how the Diocese of Montreal can do better.

You can find his blog at www.scottevans.ie.



SCOTT EVANS at the Montreal diocesan synod in 2012.



WELCOMING AFRA SASKIA TUCKER as the new young adult emerging ministry facilitator at the Church of the Epiphany Verdun, Rev. Patrick Wheeler leads the congregation in prayer.

Come to CLAY!

Elizabeth Robertson

CLAY is an incredible gathering of Anglican and Lutheran youth from across Canada. The Gathering takes place every two years at different locations. The Gathering in 2014 will take place in Kamloops, BC from August 14-17!

At **CLAY** we'll encounter scripture in meaningful ways, experience ancient and modern ways of worship, learn together in special interest forums, enjoy fantastic social events, explore Kamloops, make connections with youth from all over Canada and celebrate our life together.

This is a youth-centered program that empowers youth and develops

leadership. Not only will we have an extraordinary time at **CLAY**, we will share what we experienced and learned with others in our home communities.

The Diocese of Montreal will subsidize the trip for eight people aged between 17 and 19 from across the diocese. We're also adding a bonus feature: our group will fly to Kamloops a few days before the official gathering to do some volunteer work, giving our time and talent to those who need it the most.

If you think you might like to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience, please contact us at erobertson@montreal.anglican.ca. The deadline to sign up is March 31.

Equipping the Saints

Discovering how God is active in Cuba

Karen Egan

This is a new column by staff, students and friends of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and its Presbyterian and United Partners in the Montreal School of Theology. This month's column is by Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, director of pastoral studies at the college.

Every year, the Montreal School of Theology takes its senior students to Cuba, where the whole group is hosted by the Ecumenical Seminary in Matanzas in a weeklong mission exposure trip. This year I was sent to accompany the students, along with Professor Glenn Smith, who oversees the Mission course. Unlike the vast majority of visitors that Cuba receives each year from Canada, who come to relax on the beaches of Varadero, we were able to move freely amongst ordinary Cubans on our religious visitor's visas, spending four nights in Havana and three nights in Matanzas. So after a brief orientation to the history and culture of Cuba, we went out to visit, spending every day in the churches and missions of Havana and Matanzas, learning from the people, sharing in their enthusiasm for the gospel, and discovering how God is active in the lives and communities we visited.

However, before I try to tell you of what we saw, a bit of background is in order, for it seems almost nothing in Cuba remains unaffected by the ongoing economic embargo spearheaded by the United States. Because of this, the economy struggles to flourish at every level, and with every turn. This leaves the vast majority of people scrambling to supplement their very low monthly wages, and to compensate for the unavailability of ordinary necessities, like medicines and personal

care items, and paint, gasoline and all manner of spare parts. It is difficult for us North Americans to imagine that shortages occur not because things are too expensive, but rather because they simply are unavailable on the open market. Life is not easy for the people we met in Cuba.

But that is not the whole story, for the people we met were not only resourceful, but the hope that they knew in the gospel filled their every day, and this hope spilled out in the joy that they shared with us, and of course, with each other. Let me tell you of just a couple of examples. First, on the Wednesday afternoon, we all climbed on the bus at our hotel in Havana and went to the western part of the city to visit the Anglican Cathedral, and to meet the bishop of Cuba, Right Rev. Griselda Del Carpio, a diminutive woman who has led that diocese and its otherwise all-male Episcopal council for almost four years. And as she described the caring ministry that her cathedral church undertook in her community, it was easy to see that her strength of leadership came from a still and secure place deep inside, which has no place for worry or fear. She was especially pleased and thanked God to receive from our group two large boxes of medicines that we had brought with us from home, medicines that her pastoral care group will take with them on their visiting, simple things like aspirin and Tylenol that she said have been unavailable for about a year. For us, it was simply an honour to participate in a small way in the ministry that they undertake every day.

But it was the First Baptist Church in Matanzas that our preconceptions of what mission might look like were really challenged. This church is sit-



MONTREAL VISITORS AND SOME CUBAN HOSTS pose at the Kairos Centre in Matanzas.

uated in the centre of this small city, in a neighbourhood that seems to especially struggle, and the buildings are in extraordinarily poor repair. It is here the church runs Kairos centre, a lively place of engagement and community which shares the gospel of Christ by undertaking programs of art, music and drama for everyone and anyone in the neighbourhood. When we visited one Wednesday morning the place was alive with laughter. On the walls were examples of fine fabric art made by women in the neighbourhood, and in the room next to us, a noisy musical theatre production was taking shape. People of all ages were welcome to come into the cen-

tre and find their own way that they could express themselves, whether that might be in clay and paint or in dance and drama. And as I thought about this place, I imagined that somewhere along the way, the people in the church had decided that more than anything else, more than food or clothing, more than friends and fellowship, what the people who lived in the neighbourhood really needed was to experience something beautiful, so it was as important to give them colour, shapes and sounds that they could use to create, both beautiful works of art, and beautiful community. I found it revealing that even while the church itself was in desperate need of a new roof, priori-

ties were such that their meager resources were instead used to provide musical instruments for the teenagers, and colourful cloth for the women in the sewing guild. There, on that morning in January we were witness to the resurrection: witness to joy emerging from pain, and hope giving new legs to a neighbourhood whose lack of material capital had brought it to its knees. And on that day we were thankful that our understanding of the gospel was stretched and enriched. I thank God for the people I met along the way and ask God's blessings on their future ministry.

Mile End Notebook

A tradition of caring lives on at the Mile End Mission

Kathryn Olson

This is one of a series of columns from the Mile End Mission in east-central Montreal. This month's column is by Kathryn Olson, granddaughter of the late Connie Olson, a founder of the Mission.

To me, the mission means family. No matter how you look or act, no one gets left behind. I have been volunteering at the mission for a very long time. At first I went there to be with my grandma, Connie Olson, and then I went there because it became a fun experience.

Every year I take part in the mission's annual Christmas guignolée. As president of the Westmount High School student council, I decided this year to bring some of my fellow student-council members to the mission. We went outside and embraced the cold to try and raise money for the mission's Christmas activities. Most of the student council members didn't really realize how important our involvement was... but by the second day of the guignolée, most of them had a better



CONNIE OLSON

understanding of the importance of the Mile End Community Mission and the needs of its members.

The mission is kind of like a family tradition. My grandma worked there and so do my aunt Lori and my mom Missy. Even though I don't work there, I do volunteer and I know for a fact that the mission will always be a big part of my life because that's where I spent most of my time growing up. In the Mile End area, at the mission.

To me, however, the mission isn't only about helping people. It's about listening and understanding. I learn-

ed how to do that at the mission. I will always remember the mission not just from what they have accomplished, but because my grandma's soul lives on there. When she worked there, she lived and breathed the mission. So the mission is more of memorial place filled with memories and I'm happy that I can be around and learn how the mission changes people's lives.

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“Youthwork 101”

Youth Workers Training Weekend

14-16 March 2014 | Manoir d'Youville | Châteauguay

Have you been roped into doing youth work in your church?! Do you want to know how to survive or where to start?! Maybe you've been at it a while and you want to add some depth to your meetings or develop your youth program or your understanding of the issues affecting our young people? Those already working with youth and those who would like to get involved are welcome.

Programme

This year we'll be exploring the basics. We're delighted to welcome Scott Evans as our facilitator during the weekend. Scott is an Irish blogger, author and speaker who has vast experience of engaging with youth and youth culture. Scott works in a style that's both easy-going and conversational, which is what this weekend is all about. Maybe most importantly the weekend will involve nice meals, walks and all those in-between times for good chats! We'll meet at Manoir d'Youville on Friday evening and finish after lunch on Sunday. Then we'll go our separate ways, perhaps a little wiser, much refreshed and better equipped to serve young people. Transport is up to the individual but there will be people travelling from various places so try and catch a lift if you need one – call around or contact us if you're stuck.

Cost: \$40

More information: erobertson@montreal.anglican.ca

350 hear Catholic archbishop in Anglican cathedral



MGR. CHRISTIAN LÉPINE, archevêque catholique romain de Montréal, s'adresse à l'assemblée. Selon l'archevêque: « Le monde a besoin d'entendre le Nom de Jésus. On entend souvent que notre monde n'a pas besoin d'un Sauveur, mais en même temps il cherche chaque jour le salut. Il le cherche à travers des moyens techniques et humains qui peuvent être une aide légitime et précieuse à l'existence, mais qui ne peuvent pas donner la paix profonde qui demeure quelles que soient les angoisses et les souffrances. Or le Nom de Jésus est le Nom de la Paix, une Paix unique et indivisible. Il n'y a qu'une Paix du Christ. »
(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS, led by Patrick Wedd, played an important part in the service, which was taped and broadcast by Radio-Canada and Radio France 2.
(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



BRIGADIER GENERAL VEN. JOHN FLETCHER, chaplain-general of Canada's armed forces, attended the ecumenical service and poses with Bishop Barry Clarke. The chaplain, an Anglican, has been in the post for about a year and has been described as Canada's first openly gay chaplain-general.
(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Close to 350 people turned out for an ecumenical service at Christ Church Cathedral January 19 marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with Roman Catholic Archbishop Christian Lepine as homilist.

The venue was a first for the annual event, which has previously taken place in St. Joseph's Oratory. Anglican Archdeacon Peter Hannen was a key organizer of the event, on behalf of the Centre for Ecumenism. The Cathedral Singers, the choir of the Imani Family and Full Gospel Church and the Sign of the Theotokos Orthodox Choir participated.

This event was special for another reason: it was one of a number of roughly similar services taking place at different times in different countries. The service each year is prepared in a different country and this year's materials were prepared by a group from different parts of Canada, brought together at the invitation of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in Saskatoon.

The service was taped by Radio-Canada and France 2 and broadcast in Canada on the program "Le Jour

du Seigneur" and in Europe.

In his sermon, delivered in French and then English, Archbishop Lépine said, the world needs to hear the name of Jesus even though peo-

ple often deny it and seek salvation through technical and human means that are valuable but cannot give the deep peace that only Jesus can.



REV. RON BOYER, a Roman Catholic deacon, and Tom Deerhouse, an Ojibwe-Mohawk whose spirituality is informed by both Catholicism and traditional indigenous teachings, both from Kahnawake, offered chants and readings.
(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

College principal to step down in 2015

REV. CANON JOHN SIMONS has advised the executive and board of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College that he intends to retire in the spring of 2015. A committee will be set up in this spring to begin the search for a new principal. Dr. Simons has been principal of the college since 1991, and has served as Director of the Montreal School of Theology, a partnership of that college and the United Church and Presbyterian seminaries at McGill University. He earned a Ph.D. at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., and has taught at the universities of Alberta and Toronto. He is currently a faculty lecturer in the faculty of religious studies, at McGill University. As a priest, he served parishes in Alberta, the United States and Montreal. He is currently an honorary assistant at the Church of St. John



the Evangelist. His intellectual passions are metaphysics, theology and ecclesiology. At McGill, he teaches principles of Christian theology, and at the college, a course on church, ministry and sacraments.

News in brief

Diocesan synod October 18

"Called to Grow" will be the theme of a one-day Diocesan Synod for 2014 on the Feast of St. Luke, the Physician and Evangelist, on Saturday, October 18, in Fulford Hall, behind Christ Church Cathedral.

One task of the synod will be to elect delegates to represent the diocese at the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada in the summer of 2016.

The number of delegates to which each diocese is entitled is being altered under a resolution of the 2013 General Synod. Each diocese is entitled to a minimum of two clergy and two lay delegates with the number of any additional delegates being determined by the average attendance in a diocese on Easter, Pentecost, the second Sunday in September, and Christmas in 2013 and 2014. The relevant statistics will be available in 2015.

Following a suggestion by David Jones, chancellor of General Synod, the diocesan synod will elect the two clergy and two lay delegates, and also elect a sufficient number of alternate delegates in ranked order, so that the latter can be redesignated as delegates once the actual diocesan entitlement has been determined when the statistics are available and still have some additional alternates for the usual reason.

Financial consultant sought

The Diocese of Montreal is seeking a candidate to fill the post of financial development consultant to develop and implement stewardship activities in the diocese, both in parishes and at the synod level. Details are available on the diocesan website.

Four deacons to step up

Four deacons ordained in the diocese last September are to be ordained as priests, again by Bishop Barry Clarke, on Sunday, March 30 at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral: Rev. Alain Brosseau, Rev. Lorne Eason, Rev. Nicholas Pang and Rev. Brian Perron.

Mission supporters to tee off June 9

This year's Mission Works Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, June 9 at Whitlock Golf and Country Club in Hudson. Anyone, or any parish, interested in helping organize it should get in touch with the program office. Organizers are looking for help. Get in touch with the program officer, Nicki Hronjak at programoffice@montreal.anglican.ca or at 514-843-6577, local 244.

Anniversary Verses

Rita Lashley

These verses by warden Rita Lashley were read at the 50th-anniversary service of St. Simon and St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Chomedey Laval, on January 26.

We extend our welcome to everybody
Who are worshipping with us today
As we celebrate the anniversary
Of our church's fiftieth birthday.

The Bishop Barry Clarke is presiding.
What an honour to have him here
Assisted by Archdeacon Bennett and Canon Yves Joseph
The priest with whom we entrust our care.

We also thank all other attending clergy
Who have served at our parish in the past
And have added their numbers to our membership today
In this special Eucharistic mass.

Allow me to share for a moment
A brief history of our sacred space
Of how and why this church got started
And where it all took place.

The idea came from a group of Laval churchmen
Who would travel across the Lachapelle bridge
To worship with the Good Shepherd's congregation
Since there was no Anglican Church where they lived.

They approached the Venerable J.F. Morris
And along with assistance from Reverend A.M. Reid
They founded the Anglican Congregation of St. Martin
With blessings from the diocese to succeed

The services were kept in the auditorium.
Of Martinvale Elementary School hall
Reverend Motton conducted the first gathering
February 1961, as I recall

In 1962 the Archbishop John Dixon
Gave St. Simon's its patron name
From then we continued to grow in size
And nothing was ever the same.

It was 50 years ago in this very building
On January 26th, 1964, to be precise
That the Rt. Bishop Robert Mcguire
Led the congregation in praise of Christ.

The first incumbent priest was Reverend Newman
An answer to our unending prayers
He was replaced by the late Reverend Alan Cameron
After serving us for five years,

The Reverend Peter Asbil came for a very short time
After which came Reverend David Yarrow, our friend
At a very young age, he suddenly passed
But we will always remember the message he emphasized: the
spiritual gifts of men.

The longest tenure with us was Reverend Philip Santram
Who served for 14 years before he retired;
His goal was to develop the church's ethnic diversity,
A challenge many members admired

The next was a very animated Reverend John Morrell
With his emphasis on community outreach
Followed by Reverend Burgess,
Well known for the interesting way he preached.

And who could forget Pamela Yarrow
Our spirited interim priest
Professional, approachable and reliable
Her devotion to this congregation never ceased.

When Reverend Yarrow's assignment was over
Reverend Fred Tiplady substituted and willingly agreed.
He ensured that the church had regular services of worship
And administered to the congregation's spiritual needs.

The members wanted a priest on a permanent basis
One that could meet our every need.
Finally, the committee's recommended the present priest-in-charge:
Reverend Joseph, or as we call him: Father Yves.

Despite our small numbers and aging congregation
We will continue to grow in our faith
Having a firm foundation and supporting parishioners
Who strongly believe in God's everlasting grace.

Presumably for metrical reasons, the author has omitted the given names of Archdeacon James Bennett, Rev. Robert Stevenson Newman, Rev. Peter Asbil and Rev. F. Graham Burgess. All rights reserved December 2013 by Rita E. Lashley.

Laval parishioners urged to reach out

Harvey Shepherd

Things are different today from what they were in the 1960s, when churches like St. Simon's and St. Bartholomew's in Chomedey Laval were being established and "everything was exciting," Bishop Barry Clarke said at the 50th anniversary celebration of the parish and its bright cruciform church on January 26.

But all the more today, he said told a diverse, near-capacity congregation of parishioners, former parishioners and well-wishers, Christians need to look beyond the walls of their churches as ask themselves not only about their relation to the church but also about their relation to the community.

Quoting from a recent conversation with a former parishioner, Lorne Eason, now a deacon and soon to be ordained as a priest, the bishop urged "a sense of joy that the Holy Ghost takes pleasure in loving us."

"It's not about just talking about God, it's experiencing God in the depth of your soul....The heart of what I'm saying is that people love to be heard at the deepest level of their

being."

He told his congregation, in the only Anglican church in Laval, that Christians must not assume non-churchgoers are "pagans."

"No. God loves us all. They are searching as we are searching for love and hope and possibilities.

"Our society and culture desperately need a voice."



REV. PHILIP SANTRAM, who served the parish for 14 years, joins Bishop Barry Clarke in a hymn. The incumbent, Rev. Yves-Eugène Joseph, is behind them.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



PRESENT AND PAST CLERGY and leaders are, from left, Archdeacon James Bennett, Bishop Barry Clarke, Rev. Peter Asbil, Rev. Yves-Eugène Joseph and Rev. Philip Santram.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Iron Hill church to mark sesquicentennial

Douglas Hall

One hundred and fifty years, just where did the time go? On Saturday May 24th, 1864, a crowd of some 200 people gathered in Iron Hill to begin the arduous task of raising a Church. After prayers were offered to bless the work about to commence, the men started working on the frame of the Church while the women tended a gipsy-type kitchen to ensure all were fed. It is with this thought in mind that we wish to commemorate and honour the work they began and that we still continue to strive to do today. May 24th and 25th 2014 serendipitously fall on this anniversary, and we are planning a few festivities to celebrate our sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary. We hope you can join us in the celebrations. We will be having a BBQ (\$20.00 for adults and \$12.00 for 6-12 years old (5 and under are free) on the Saturday night which will start with a happy hour (cash bar) where people can meet and greet and reconnect with old friends and parishioners and make new friends too. There will be a display of old photos and assorted memorabilia. Sunday afternoon will see Right Rev. Barry Clarke presiding at a Eucharist. We hope to also have as many former clergy as possible in attendance including Rev. Wilmur Davidson, Rev. John Serjeantson, and Rev. Paul Tidman. There will be refreshments served after the service and you can



HOLY TRINITY IRON HILL

continue to reminisce over a good cup of tea and a sandwich or some sweets.

The first actual service at Holy Trinity was held on December 24th, 1864 and with this in mind, we will be doing something special to mark this occasion as well. Stay tuned for more details

For more information, or to

reserve tickets for the meal/BBQ you can email ironhillanglican@yahoo.ca or call Douglas Hall at (450) 263-2579 or Eric Sanborn at (450) 263-2589

Hope to see you all there!

Douglas Hall is rector's warden of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Iron Hill, part of the Parish of Brome in the Eastern Townships

Recollection, invitation – and discovering joy

Sally Harrington Phillipo

I was introduced to the concept and experience of retreat almost 30 years ago, during a course Canon Lettie James offered for Pastoral Visitors. Initially drawn to this simple ministry of compassion, I was a young woman who felt blessed by my life and wanted to spend a little time helping others.

To complete the course, we were required to go on a weekend retreat, something I had never even thought of doing before. It was difficult to explain to my young husband why I needed to go away for a weekend to deepen my faith, leaving him at home, somewhat bemused, with our young children. It was in fact an act of disciplined obedience to the program I had entered; I did not really have any idea what lay in store for me in those two precious days.

I will never forget the incredible joy that I discovered in the modest facility of the little diocesan retreat house in Iberville. I found myself sleeping in a simple bedroom, and then listening to the teaching of Father Ian Stuchbery, far from all the daily concerns of my active life. His theme was the importance of making a life confession. We were called into a kind of silence, meaning that we did not engage in chatter throughout the main body of the weekend, and during the mealtimes we listened to inspiring music. One of the CDs featured a Carey Landry song, "O let all who thirst, let them come to the waters," and I still remember sitting at the table listening to this heartrending reminder that only God can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts, and the tears falling. I was experiencing for the first time in my nascent years as a Christian, the beautiful presence of our saviour, Jesus. He was gently touching my heart through music and the words God breathed through scripture, because I was finally giving him my full attention. A sacrifice of my time: stepping out of my usual busy routine to listen to Him.

Out of that weekend all those years ago has been born a deep desire to share and facilitate this experience for others.

We are told that to follow Jesus is to be set free from besetting anxiety, if we are able to fully trust in Him, and to be redeemed from the mistakes of our past. We are told by the

psalmist that "the Joy of the Lord is our strength." How true this is! We are often, understandably, troubled by many pressures in the busy world where we live and in this culture of crazy activity which seems crafted to distract us from what really matters. How our souls thirst for the opportunity to really be still and know that God is ultimately in charge of all! To listen to him. Not in the whirlwind but in the still small voice. If we can do so, we will hear promises that enlighten, encourage and exhort. That fill us with hope and joy.

As we get older, it becomes more apparent than ever that we need to give ourselves time to be attentive to the development of our inner life. The one fact we can be sure of is that our physical body, slowly deteriorating as the years go by, is just one part, and the lesser part, of our total being. As our body needs to be nourished, so does our soul. Why is it so easy to listen to all the health gurus of our day describing how to maintain a healthy body, while we give scant attention to our souls?

"Come apart and rest awhile"

Going on retreat is a way of responding to the invitation of Jesus to "Come apart and rest awhile." It becomes ever more urgent for us to eschew our frenetic activity for just a little time. Otherwise we risk living our lives, as some have said, distracted to death by this culture of sports and entertainment and our obsessive attention to what is mostly bad news. Jesus came to give us Good News. Have we ever needed that more than we do now?

You will find information on this page about a very accessible weekend retreat offered in April, to be led by Father William Brown OMV in a quiet setting on the shores of the Lake of Two Mountains. Why not respond to this simple invitation of Jesus to all who feel the pressure of daily life in this frenetic age. He still calls out: "Come to me all who are weary, and I will give you rest."

All are welcome to participate in this weekend. If the experience of retreat is new to you, it will be an excellent introduction.

(Sally Harrington Phillipo is a Spiritual Director in our Diocese. For more information about spiritual direction, drop a note to sdgroupmontreal@yahoo.ca)

"You have shown to me the path of Life; In your presence there is fullness of Joy."
Psalm 16:11

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Finding Joy in the Journey

Jesus promised us that He would never leave us nor forsake us. No matter what the circumstances of our lives, we can trust Him completely. God has promised each of us that He has plans for us, plans to give us hope and a future. Let us come apart, as He has invited us to do, and listen for a while to His remarkable promises. Most of all, in the busyness of this age, we need to find rest for our souls and refreshment for our spirits.

Join us for a weekend of quiet reflection, pondering in our hearts what it means to find the true joy which transcends the circumstances of our lives.

PRAYER, AWAKENING, REFRESHMENT, PEACE.

This weekend will be led by Father William Brown OMV. Father Bill has been in the ministry of spiritual direction for more than 20 years. His extensive pastoral counselling experience has led him to have a special interest in encouraging others to grow in their relationship with God. Warm and personable, his earlier life in the business world has given him a familiarity with the deepest needs of people from all walks of life. He has led retreats for a wide variety of persons from all backgrounds throughout North America and continues to be sought after for this ministry.

When: 25th – 27th April 2014
Where: l'Ermitage Ste. Croix

Registration form attached.

Any questions? Feel free to contact:

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and He answered
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Please complete (in block letters) and return with your cheque to:
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THE STILLNESS WITHIN

A column by Cedric Cobb – where you might find a meditation, a poem, an awareness exercise or an inspiration.



Do I dare to eat a peach?

*In a minute there is time
For decisions and revisions which a
minute will reverse. . . .
Do I dare to eat a peach? . . .” T. S. Eliot,
The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*

*“Who of you by worrying can add a
single hour to your life?” Luke 12.25*

“Do I dare to eat a peach?” I first encountered that well-known question in high school, studying T.S. Eliot’s “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock.” From that time onward, I would ask myself, “Do I dare to eat a peach?” whenever I felt anxious about something. Later, the question took on deeper meaning, becoming “Can I find freedom from the fears and doubts that imprison me? Can I take a leap of faith into the gift of life?”

Prufrock and I are not alone in being plagued by our incessant inner dialogue. At one point even Jesus had to say to his disciples, “Do not

worry about your life (Luke 12.22).” But how do you do that? How do you let go of all the preoccupations engulfing your mind? In the contemplative tradition, the answer lies in the practice of meditation. Meditation is the art of emptying your mind by simply letting the thoughts be. Rather than struggling with all the “stuff” arising in their consciousness, the contemplative simply lets it all come and go without becoming attached to it. In the words of St. Francis, “*You can’t stop the birds from flying back and forth over your head, but you can stop them from nesting in your hair.*”

This process of meditation is similar to looking at all the content of the mind – the worries, doubts, fears – as if they belonged to someone else. You are aware of your thoughts and anxieties, but you let them go without clinging to them. To aid in

the process of letting go, a simple anchor is used. One such anchor is repeating to yourself a phrase from scripture, such as: “*Do not be anxious; do not be anxious.*” The repetition allows you to let go of the troubling thoughts, and brings you back into the present moment. Any words spoken with attentive awareness will do. Just choose the phrase that speaks to you – or allow the phrase to choose you.

In addition to repeating a prayer word, many people find the practice of centering prayer to be an excellent way of consciously letting go of the mind’s chatter. Centering Prayer involves sitting quietly in the peace of the Divine Presence.

*Sit comfortably with an upright spine.
Close your eyes, and relax as much as possible.*

Without trying to change it, become

aware of your breathing, resting in its gentle ebb and flow.

Let your awareness focus on the feelings of peace and tranquility that naturally arise as your mind quiets down.

When you begin to think, mentally repeat a prayer word or phrase of your choice. Some words are: “thank you,” “peace,” “shalom,” or “Kyrie Eleison.”

*As soon as your mind quiets down again, let go of the word.
Continue sitting for as long as you like.*

Meditation is the practice of becoming aware of our thoughts and letting go of our attachment to them. Rather than becoming lost in worries, doubts, or fears, we open ourselves up to being present in the moment, the only place where we can meet the Sacred. Meditation is not easy. We love to cling to our anx-

ieties. This is why it is essential to remember to have *patience* and *persistence*. Over and over again, we have to become aware that we are lost in our thoughts, and then let them go.

As we move through Lent this year, “Do I dare to eat a peach” might become the challenge for you to explore the benefits of meditation. Whenever you become anxious or worried about something, you might decide to move past the fears and doubts that imprison you by simply stopping, breathing, and taking up your favourite prayer phrase. Let’s all take the leap of faith this Lent into the gift of life, this precious moment. Perhaps the results of our practice will be to eat that peach after all. “Do you dare to eat a peach?”

Until next time, I wish you much joy preparing your peach cobbles.

CEDRIC

Spend Lent with Matthew and friends

Looking for a daily devotion this Lent?

Perhaps a team of 26 lay people and clergy in Niagara Diocese can help.

They have produced 40 meditations covering the whole of Matthew’s gospel – one for each day of Lent. There are also six Sunday meditations based other gospels to further enhance your spiritual experience.

The devotions are recommended for individuals or groups.

Part One can be access online in the March 2014 issue of The Niagara Anglican at niagaraanglican.ca/newspaper.

Part Two will be in the April paper.

Feedback to the editor, Rev. Hollis Hiscock at editor@niagaraanglican.ca would be greatly appreciated.

A visit to Cuba



DURING A VISIT TO HAVANA last January, Rev. Canon Joyce Sanchez of Trinity Memorial Church was invited by the Episcopal Bishop of Cuba, Right Rev. Griselda Delgado Del Carpio, to address the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Church. Canon Sanchez is at the lectern with a translator; the bishop is at the right. (Photo: René Sanchez)

Christ Church, Beaufort

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Lenten Soup Lunches

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Immolation of Palms

On March 4, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, come and enjoy a traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with sausages and ham. Followed by the Solemn Immolation of the Palms outside in the parking lot (near the side entrance).

Ash Wednesday Services

On Ash Wednesday, March 5 there will be services of the Holy Eucharist at 10 am and 7 pm. Both services include the Imposition of Ashes.

Lenten Lunches

Every Wednesday from March 5 – April 9. Lunch will be served from 11.30 am to 1 pm. Enjoy a hearty homemade soup, along with bread, cheese, squares and tea/coffee. All for \$7/person. In the parish hall.

Everyone is welcome at all these events!

Christ Church, Beaufort
455 Church Street,
Beaufort

Information 514-697-2204 or email christchurch@ac.aibn.com.

SPIRITUAL CALENDAR

PAWS & PRAY

Christ Church Beaufort
455 Church St. at Fieldfare Ave., Beaufort
Sun. March 2, 1 p.m.

Paws & Pray features a service of the Holy Eucharist where canine companions and their guardians are always welcome. These services are offered in collaboration with the Companion Animal Adoption Centers of Quebec, a non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare. For information call 514-697-2204 or email christchurch@ac.aibn.com. The next Paws and Pray services are at 1 p.m. April 6, and May 4, both the first Sunday of the month.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING, CONFIRMATION PREP

Christ Church Beaufort
455 Church St. at Fieldfare Ave., Beaufort
Sunday children’s programming has been re-launched at Christ Church!

All children of all ages are welcome. Facilitators are prepared and on-hand each Sunday at the 10:15 a.m. service to offer a children’s special program in a multi-age setting. Children start out in the worship service with their family members, then proceed to their own program after the “children’s time” in worship, and then rejoin their family members at Communion time.

Also, a confirmation preparation program will be offered at Christ Church during Lent. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 pm. The first class will be on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th and includes helping with the Pancake Supper. This program will be of interest to young people and adults wishing to prepare for confirmation. For information, contact Father Michael Johnson at 514-697-2204.

ALPHA PARENTING COURSE

St. George’s Ste. Anne de Bellevue
23 Perrault St.

Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m. starting March 6

For parents of children aged 0-10 years. Family life is under great pressure today and parents face bewildering choices about how to parent effectively. Discovering we are not alone in the challenges we face and picking up ideas from other parents can make a huge difference.

Pre-registration required, www.stgeorgesanglicanchurch.org; 514-457-6934.

EARTH HOUR

Green Church suggests parishes mark Earth Hour
Earth Hour means reducing energy consumption to a strict minimum for one hour, says Green Church.

Saturday, March 29, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

We turn off the lights, television, computer, heating and other forms of energy usage in order to recognize our excessive energy dependence, to increase awareness of climate change and to contribute to the conservation of the planet’s energy resources. But rather than doing it alone in the dark, why not do it together? asks Green Church, a branch of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism. “Organize a vigil with candles in your Church and this hour will become a community gathering.”

Those unable to hold a church gathering can mark Earth Hour at home by turning off your and any unnecessary equipment. For information, visit the Earth Hour website (www.earthhour.org).

CONSULTANT TO JOIN FEMINIST WRITER AT RETREAT

Manoir d’Youville
Châteauguay

April 6-8.

A man who started a ministry-development consulting firm after 25 years of parish ministry in the Diocese of Toronto and a leading Vancouver cleric and writer on topics including meditation and feminist theology will speak at this year’s Lenten Clergy Retreat for the Diocese of Montreal. The consultant, Rev. Canon Tim Elliott, is also known as a jazz musician and Archdeacon Ellen Clark-King, vicar of Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver, is the author of works including Path to Your Door: Approaches to Christian Spirituality.

CONFERENCE TO LOOK AT “SHIFTING STATS”

Église Chrétienne de St-Laurent

1775 Édouard Laurin Blvd. in St. Laurent.

Wednesday, April 2, 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Churches are shaking in the midst of massive change both within and outside their walls, in the view of organizers of an interdenominational church leaders’ forum being presented in a number of Canadian cities this spring. Don Moore, national church ambassador for World Vision, will present recent statistics and research and Bruxy Cavey, author and teaching pastor at The Meeting House, a “multi-site church.” The forum is sponsored by Christian Direction and World Vision. Admission is \$25. For information visit www.shiftingstats.ca or call 1-800-268-5863, local 3648.

Books

Evil can co-opt seemingly good human intentions

Conversations with a Dead Man: The Legacy of Duncan Campbell Scott, by Mark Abley, Douglas McIntyre Ltd, Madeira Park, 2013.

A review by Bishop Mark MacDonald

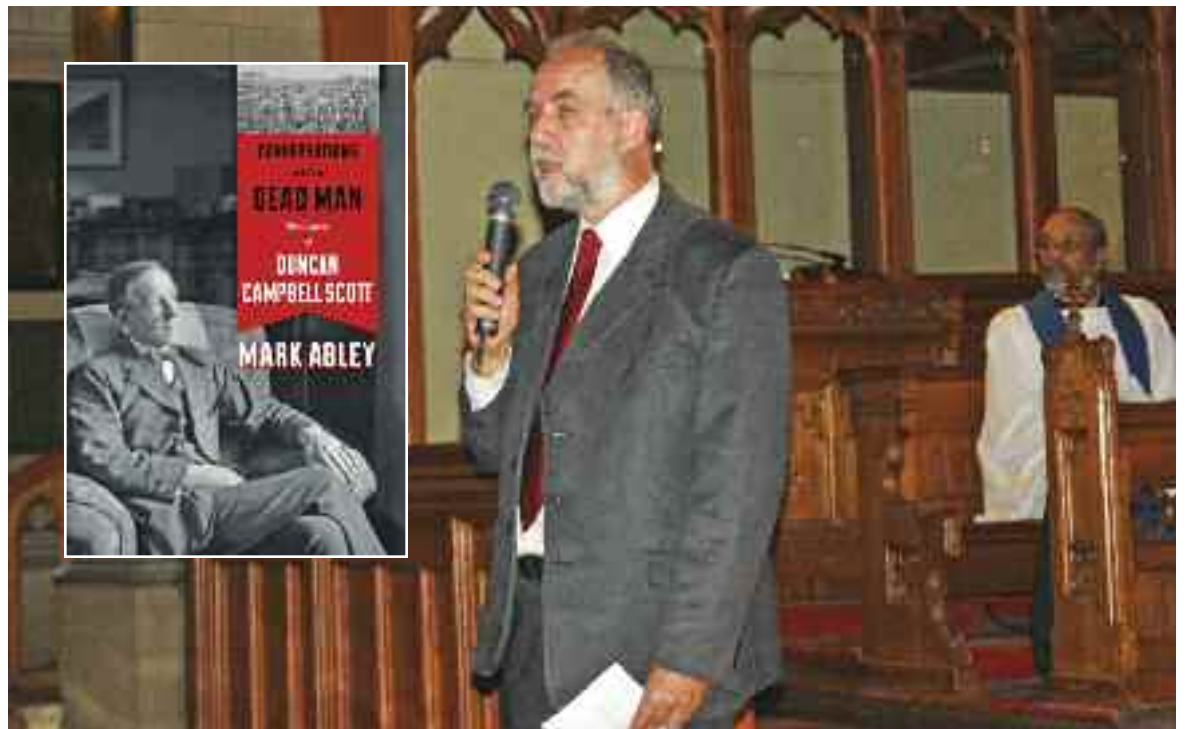
As someone who is asked to speak about the Indian Residential Schools (IRS) on a regular basis, I am painfully aware of the perceptual and psychological obstacles that hinder a constructive and effective conversation about reconciliation. With some people, giving a sense of the complexities involved will often lead to the suspicion that we may be letting church and governmental leaders off the hook too easily. For others, any attempt to display the pervasive extent of the evil in Canadian society will lead to the accusation that individuals who served in schools, many well intentioned, are being dehumanized. It is very hard for us to sort out the issues of personal or corporate responsibility and this often disables our ability to move towards understanding and healing. Mark Abley has now given us a new and important resource, a very different approach, to help us approach the IRS and the complex systemic evil that gave birth to it with greater understanding.

Abley recounts his conversation with a ghostly appearance of the man most often assumed to be the chief animator and apologist for the IRS: Duncan Campbell Scott (Aug. 2, 1862 – Dec. 19, 1947), who was the deputy superintendent of the Department of Indian Affairs from 1913 to 1932. His words and actions are

often cited to portray the callous indifference or, perhaps it would be more accurate to say, hostility to Indigenous life that made the IRS possible. It may surprise many to know that before he became well-known as a leader in the IRS, he was known and recognized for his poetry. A monster to most of us, he was a person who, for many years, was celebrated for his sensitivity to the human experience.

This book allows us to imaginatively enter the life, thought, and world view of a man who is no longer accessible. Abley's probing questions allow us to bring to Scott our own anger and fear. We are given the capacity to perceive the often mysterious way that evil can co-opt seemingly good human intentions and lead people to cooperate, facilitate, and, sometimes, initiate evil. It is a way of understanding the way that evil can exploit our seemingly small moments of ignorance and prejudice to promote startlingly consequential pain.

One of the many welcome aspects of Abley's book is the education it provides on Indigenous issues. For quite a few, this will be new material, helpfully presented in a very digestible form. Beyond this, many others will be startled by the many examples of racist hostility to Indigenous peoples. These are taken from the writings and speeches of some of our most revered and celebrated historical figures: Sir John A. MacDonald, Mackenzie King, Charles Dickens, and Winston Churchill, for example. This not only



MARK ABLEY speaks at a 2011 gathering at the Church of St. James the Apostle. Insert shows cover of his new book.

helps to put Scott and his attitudes in perspective, it also gives us a sense of how pervasive racist colonialism has been in Canadian and Euro-American societies. Present day examples and issues of the on-going character of colonialism – presented within the context of some of the ways we have achieved progress – are made accessible. The conversational style of this material's presentation will help many people process this knowledge and information, perhaps for the first time. For others, it

will be a welcome review of these matters from a new and fruitful perspective.

The results are in: the IRS caused lasting and widespread trauma and misery with multi-generational impact. There are still far too many who wish to discount this pain by defending the intentions and record of those who worked in the schools. Though, I agree with attempts to avoid demonizing and making scapegoats of people like Scott, it is not to let him off the hook; it is to

make sure that we don't let modern societies off the hook. If Canadians do not realize that a person who, from all appearances, was an outstanding (maybe a little boring) citizen was capable of participation in such colossal mayhem, they will never develop the capacity to create a society where colonialism ends and we no longer treat other human beings as less than human.

The Right Rev. Mark MacDonald is the National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada

This pastor is a sinner and a saint

Nadia Bolz-Weber *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint*. Jericho Books, 2013, 206 pages. www.sarcasticlutheran.com

A review by Colin McGregor

A lean, tough, gaunt figure clad in jeans, leather boots and a vest, is seated cross-legged on the floor. She peers downward, pensive, through black horn-rimmed glasses; her arms and upper chest are thickly adorned with colourful tattoos.

This photo adorns the cover of the *New York Times* bestseller *Pastrix*, the highly entertaining reminiscences of Denver's Nadia Bolz-Weber: stand-up comic, recovering alcoholic, punk rock fan, mother of two – and not your average Lutheran pastor.

"Pastrix" is an invented word, the Latin suffix denoting a feminine noun. It is typical that the unconventional Bolz-Weber would use an invented word to describe her role within the normally staid confines of the Minnesota-centric American Lutheran Church. The definition of "pastrix" she brings us includes: *A term of insult used by certain unimaginative sections of the church to describe female pastors; Female ecclesiastical superhero Trinity from the Matrix....*

Pastrix the book traces the author's complex journey from comfortable suburban upbringing to the pulpit, via alcoholism and despair. The book begins with a four-letter expletive; it ends with alleluias ringing through the author's head.



NADIA BOLZ-WEBER

The death of a fellow addict-comedian marks a turning point in Bolz-Weber's life. Though not a pastor yet, she is asked to preach at the funeral because she is the most religious of Denver's stand-up comics. Recovering from addiction, newly married, she enters a Lutheran seminary. Once ordained, she launches the House for All Sinners and Saints, run out of an Episcopal church in a gritty area of Denver. Her small congregation is adult, edgy: drag queens, aging hipsters, ex-cons, the

homeless. Which suits the author just fine: Bolz-Weber suggests that when Mary Magdalene mistook the resurrected Jesus for a gardener, it was because he had dirt under his fingernails. God's grace, she comes to realize, is open to us all: "God reaches into the grave we dig ourselves and loves us back to life."

A front-page article in the *Denver Post* ("Resurrection with a Dose of Insurrection") grants her sudden celebrity. Her congregants have to search for copies of the newspaper: they get their news on NPR's website. Pews overflow with curious suburbanites. "It was awful," Bolz-Weber admits. Preaching, she tries not to look horrified. A phone chat with a Minnesota pastor sparks anger: "You guys are really good at 'welcoming the stranger' when it's a young transgender person, but sometimes 'the stranger' looks like your mom and dad." At first she recoils at the admonishment; but soon, she undergoes a "heart transplant," and accepts her new flock.

The author explains how she approaches specific sermons. She follows the lectionary Lutherans share with many other denominations, so she builds from the same Bible readings we use in the Anglican Church on Sundays. How can she use what the lectionary suggests for the weekend of the Haitian earthquake? Her thinking process is instructive: this would be a very useful book for pastors and seminarians alike.

The anecdotes she tells of her

eventful life elicit chuckles and tears, often at the same time. This brilliant, punchy memoir is well worth buying. Though Bolz-Weber herself, who admits that to turn her life

around she had to "become God's bitch," probably wouldn't mind if you stole a copy.

Nadia Bolz-Weber's website is at www.sarcasticlutheran.com



WHAT?

CHANGE AHEAD is an exciting new strategy of the Anglican Province of Canada meant for youth leaders to come together to learn from national youth leaders and each other

WHY?

This project arises from the Provincial synod meeting in Montreal, September 2012. The youth caucus agreed that a Provincial type event that would bring youth leaders together focused on personal training development. In abling them to go back to their own diocese and deliver skill based training.

WHO?

The course is for both lay or ordained, who have a passion for seeing young workers realise their potential.

For more details contact mdunwoody@montreal.anglican.ca or reverendcathy@gmail.com

JOHN 15:1-2

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit."

WHEN?

June 20-23rd 2014

WHERE?

In the diocese of Montreal, Quebec.



An initiative of the Ecclesiastical Provincial Council of Canada

Truckloads of rain barrels coming to Ste Anne de Bellevue

Convinced that rain barrels can help homeowners and other residents save money, care for their gardens and protect the environment, St. George's Church in Ste. Anne de Bellevue is now accepting pre-sale orders for a fundraising truckload sale of rain barrels scheduled for Tuesday April 22. Rain barrels are being sold for \$60 each and proceeds will help fund St. George's diocesan assessment.

Rain barrels capture and store rain water collected from roofs through downspouts. They provide chlorine-free and fluoride-free water described as ideal for flowers, vegetables, lawns, shrubs and trees. The water can also be used for washing cars, cleaning floors, laundry and other purposes to save costs, especially for those who pay to have water trucked in, use a well or have a water meter installed. The barrels, refurbished from ones originally used to transport fruits and vegetables and available in different colours and models, will be available at the church, at 23 Perrault Ave, Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue, between 2 and 6 p.m. April 22.

Downspout diverters and rain barrel stands are also available. All orders must be placed online in advance at www.RainBarrel.ca/SGAC/

YOU PROBABLY CAN'T HOLLER DOWN THIS RAIN BARREL, shown with Richard Howarth, the parishioner of St. George's Church in Ste. Anne de Bellevue responsible for its rain barrel initiative, and Rev. Neil Mancor, but it serves the environment in many other ways.



Cathedral offers an Oasis Musicale



IN PHOTO, L'OASIS MUSICALE featured the New Zealand Youth Choir in November.

Christ Church Cathedral continues to offer a Musical Oasis every Saturday at 4:30 p.m. These free concerts are open to everyone and seek to preserve and develop Christ Church Cathedral as an important spiritual and cultural venue, to attract new audiences to the concerts and new visitors to the cathedral and to support and promote a wide range of local musicians, many of whom are starting out. A donation of \$5, \$10 or more is suggested.



HANNAH ROBERTS BROCKOW performed in January.

On March 1, the Duo Canto of Cécilia Boyer, soprano, and pianist Romain Frati will present "Airs de famille et reflets d'Italie." March 8, David Henkelman on the harpsichord and Donald Pistolesi, cello, will present a selection titled "The Bach Family and the Flute." March 15, violinist Marc Djokic and pianist Julien Leblanc, will present composers from Beethoven to Corigliano, The March 22 program

was not final at press time and on March 29 Shayna Palevsky, flute; Alexandre Solopov, piano; and Jolan Kovacs, violin, will present a selection titled "La Flûte fatale."

For information, www.oasismusicale.blogspot.ca, "L'Oasis Musicale at Christ Church Cathedral" on Facebook, loasismusicale@gmail.com by email or 514-843-6577 x274



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Permanent, transitional deacons team up to reach out

Jean Willcocks

Rev. Jean Willcocks is a deacon in the Diocese of Montreal

This diocese has eight active permanent deacons: Judy Ball, Robert Callander, Robert Coolidge, Merlyne Howard, Peter Huish, Seymour Smith and Jean Willcocks. We meet together on the second Tuesday of each month at the diocesan office. Our ministries are as diverse as our personalities, but our mission is constant – service to the communities and to the churches in which we serve – especially to those in need.

Excerpt from the Diocesan website:

“The ministry of the deacon is distinctive, an expression of the Church turned towards the world, being present and listening there for the voices of the poor of God and proclaiming there in action and words, the Good News of Christ come among us. As ministers of Christ, deacons are representative, modeling the servant ministry of his Church and thereby enabling, encouraging and informing the diaconal ministry of all – other clergy and the laity. They also interpret prophetically to the gathered Christian community, the needs, hopes and concerns of those who are scattered. Deacons express the impor-

tance of the community’s diaconal ministry by their participation in the liturgy as deacons.”

“The diocesan community of deacons meets monthly for fellowship, mutual support and accountability, and for ongoing education. It serves as the locus for the formation of diaconal identity for candidates, an essential part of the diocesan formation program for deacons. There are also links with other deacon-associations, provincially, nationally and internationally, and the deacons serve as a resource for the Bishop’s Commission on Ministry by providing presenters and preachers in the parishes of enquirers when requested, and by providing mentors for aspirants. The community of deacons is the principal agent for the promotion of the vocational diaconate as integral to the diaconal ministry of the Church.”

Often there are transitional deacons in the diocese and they are always welcome to join with us during the period before their ordination to the priesthood.

Transitional Deacons Alain Brosseau, Lorne Eason, Nick Pang and Brian Perron have been joining with us since their ordination as have many others in the past.

At our meeting in September we decided as a group to participate in a



DEACONS AND FRIENDS line up for a photo at the Church of the Epiphany, Verdun. From left are, back row, Father Patrick Wheeler, Epiphany; Deacon Alain Brosseau; Deacon Merlyne Howard; middle row, Sandra Sorel, Epiphany, Deacon Jean Willcocks; Wendy McCullough, Epiphany; Lynn Shepherd, Epiphany; Mary Pickup, in diaconal training; Deacon Brian Perron; Deacon Lorne Eason; Afra Tucker, Epiphany; front row, Deacon Nick Pang, Deacon Seymour Smith.

diaconal outreach in the diocese. This took the form of providing a community lunch for the people who live in the vicinity of Church of the Epiphany in Verdun.

Church of The Epiphany was chosen as our initial venture because the parish already has had experience of serving lunch to large numbers of people from the community. As well the church has a beautiful new kitchen that is well equipped for such activities. Father Patrick Wheeler and the parish corporation were very excited to join with us and to give us their guidance and support.

The deacons met with members of the congregation to plan the event relying heavily on their advice and expertise.

The group from the Epiphany included Meryle Butcher, Anne Habbick, Wendy McCullough, Lynn and Jim Shepherd, Sandra and J.C. Sorel and Father Wheeler. We were also joined by deacon candidate

Mary Pickup and by Afra Tucker and Joyce LaDuke.

We planned the menu: Spaghetti, with two kinds of sauce, Caesar salad, crusty bread, cheese, nectarines, Christmas cake, candy canes and tea and coffee. Deacons and parish members shopped for the food. Deacons, the group from the Epiphany and friends, then prepared the food and served it to the people who were invited in from the surrounding streets.

There were teams of apron-clad, hairnet-adorned vegetable preparers, cooks, people to set the table, waiters and waitresses, a cleanup crew and several teams who went out into the cold weather to invite passersby and people who congregate near the subway to come in and have lunch. Everyone worked hard and with a wonderful sense of joy and camaraderie.

Over a two-hour period nearly seventy people ranging from small children to seniors were served.

Each deacon mingled with the diners offering a listening ear and help where wanted. Christmas music softly filled the hall and the sound of conversation and laughter was melodious.

The feedback from the diners and us who served them was marvelous. Many stories were exchanged in both French and English amid gratitude for a warm space out of the cold and an excellent lunch.

The people of the Epiphany are to be congratulated for their time and their leadership and their good humour.

The day was a blessing to each one of us. Each of us was filled with the joy of giving and receiving God’s love.

We fully expect to host another such event in Lent.



KITCHEN TEAM includes Father Patrick Wheeler, in apron and cap, Deacon Lorne Eason with cutting board and Canon Peter Huish, a deacon, paring.

SALES and EVENTS

St. Lawrence LaSalle
520 – 75th Ave.

BOOMERS SUPPER AND VARIETY CONCERT

Sat., March 1, 6 p.m.

Presented by the Boomers of St. Lawrence Church. Donation \$25. Information 514-366-4652

St. Paul’s Greenfield Park
321 Empire St.

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Raffles, door prizes and much more. Cost \$10.00/adult. Information 450-671-6000 or 450-678-2460.

Christ Church Beaurepaire
455 Church St. at Fieldfare Ave., Beaconsfield

LENTEN LUNCHES

Wednesday from March 5 to April 9.

Christ Church along with other community parishes will be offering Lenten lunches. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy a hearty homemade soup, along with bread, cheese, squares and tea/coffee for just \$7 a person in the parish hall. Info: 514-697-2204 or christchurch@ac.aibn.com. Everyone welcome!

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Tue., March 4, 5-7 p.m.

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PANCAKE SUPPER

Tues., March 4, 6 p.m.

In support of the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund. Freewill offering for tickets; to order call 514-363-0825. Information 514-769-5373 or epiphany.verdun@gmail.com .

St. Paul’s Côte des Neiges
3970 Côte Ste Catherine ROAD, Montreal

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Sat., March 8, 8 a.m.

Tickets \$10. Info: 514-733-2908

St. Paul’s Greenfield Park
321 Empire St.

BOOK SALE

Sat., March 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

A variety of books, games, puzzles and much more. Information 450-671-6000 or 450-678-2460.

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ST. PATRICK’S STEW DINNER AND PENNY FAIR

Sat., March 15, 6 p.m.

Tickets \$12; to order call 514-363-0825. Bring your own wine. Info: epiphany.verdun@gmail.com .

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455 Church St. at Fieldfare Ave., Beaconsfield

ST. PATRICK’S DINNER AND AUCTION

Sat., March 15.

Celebrate St. Patrick Day at Christ Church, Beaurepaire with dinner and auction. The festivities include both live and silent auctions where goods and services are being offered to the highest bidders. Details regarding time and ticket price are still to be determined. Call the office at 514-697-2204 for info.

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CONCERT SERIES

The third Tuesday of the month through May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The next concert, March 18, will feature Matthew Russell on the trombone. Upcoming: Emily Belvedere on the harp, the Vega String Quartet. Meet the artist at a reception after each concert. Admission \$20. Info: 697-2204 (christchurch@qc.aibn.com) or Earl Wilson 586-9338 (earlwilson.ca).

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FLEA MARKET

Sat., April 5, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Information epiphany.verdun@gmail.com .

St. Paul’s Greenfield Park
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AUTHENTIC ENGLISH “ROSE GARDEN” TEA

Sat. April 5, 2-4 p.m.

Door prizes, raffles, a sing-along, a game and much more. Information, 450-671-6000 or 450-678-2460.

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Next Concert – March 18
Matthew Russell – trombone
Mark your calendars for the 2014 events

April 22 – Emily Belvedere – harp

May 20 – Vega String Quartet

Individual tickets may be purchased for \$20.00 each. Concert Series Tickets are still available, please contact the office for more details. All concerts are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and run until May 20th. For further information please contact Earl Wilson at 514 486-9338 or earlwilson.ca or Christ Church, Beaurepaire at 514-697-2204 or christchurchbeaurepaire.com

Un peuple pèlerin trouve une maison

Après avoir partagé les quartiers de *St. Ignatius of Antioch Church* à Montréal-Nord depuis quelques années, l'Église de la Nativité a officiellement reçu, le 12 janvier, les clés de l'église située au 10374 av. de Cobourg. Mgr Barry Clarke a décrit cet événement comme étant « une célébration merveilleuse ».

La plus grande paroisse francophone du diocèse, fondée en 1973, principalement composée de paroissiens d'origine haïtienne, compte,

selon les statistiques diocésaines pour 2012, environ 130 paroissiens inscrits et une moyenne de fréquentation à l'office du dimanche de 80 paroissiens.

St. Ignatius a mis fin au culte régulier à la fin-juin, après 91 années de culte, de vie et de mission. Fondée au début des années 1920, la communauté a prospéré dans les années cinquante et au début des années soixante, en attirant les membres de la communauté anglophone qui l'en-

tourait à cette époque, parmi lesquels se trouvaient des anciens combattants avec leurs femmes et leurs familles. La communauté a toutefois diminuée jusqu'à devenir un petit groupe au cours des dernières décennies.

L'évêque a célébré l'Eucharistie à *St. Ignatius* le 12 janvier et présenté aux paroissiens Ted et Barbara Humphreys la *Récompense de l'évêque* pour leurs services.

Puis, il a transféré tous les droits et

les responsabilités de *St. Ignatius of Antioch Church* à l'Église de la Nativité et inauguré l'église sous son nouveau nom.

« C'est un moment important dans l'histoire du diocèse et dans le voyage de l'Église de la Nativité, » a-t-il dit plus tard. Depuis 40 ans, ils ont voyagé d'une paroisse à l'autre pour leur vie religieuse et leurs activités.

« Je suis heureux d'avoir fait partie de cette merveilleuse célébration en reconnaissance de l'existence de

l'Église de la Nativité dans le diocèse, et de son soutien et leur confiant maintenant la responsabilité d'une nouvelle maison. »

« Ce fut une merveilleuse fête avec de la danse et des chants » a déclaré l'évêque Clarke lors d'une réunion du Conseil diocésain quelques jours après leur avoir remis les clés. « Un peuple pèlerin a trouvé une maison. »

A pilgrim people finds a home

After sharing the quarters of *St. Ignatius of Antioch Church* in Montreal North for some years, the *Église de la Nativité*, the largest French-speaking parish in the Diocese of Montreal, officially received the keys to the church at 10374 de Cobourg Avenue January 12 at what Bishop Barry Clarke described as "a wonderful celebration."

The largest French-language parish in the diocese, formed in

1973, the parish, predominantly made up of people of Haitian origin, had about 130 people on parish rolls and an average Sunday attendance of 80, according to diocesan statistics for 2012.

St. Ignatius wound up regular worship at the end of June after 91 years of worship, life and mission. Founded in the early 1920s, the community flourished in the fifties and early sixties, drawing members from

the surrounding anglophone community at that time, among them resettled war veterans with their wives and families. But the community dwindled to a small group in recent decades.

The bishop celebrated the Eucharist at *St. Ignatius* on January 12 and presented parishioners Ted and Barbara Humphreys with a Bishop's Award for their service.

Then he made the transfer of all

rights and responsibilities of *St. Ignatius of Antioch* to *Église de la Nativité* and rededicated the church with the new name.

"This is an important moment in the history of the diocese and in the journey of *Église de la Nativité*," he said later. "For 40 years they have travelled from one parish to another for their worship life and activities."

"I was pleased to be part of a wonderful celebration in acknowledging

the presence of *Église de la Nativité* in the diocese, and for their support and now giving them full responsibilities of a new home.

"It was a wonderful celebration with dancing and singing," Bishop Clarke said at a Diocesan Council meeting a few days after turning the keys over. "A pilgrim people has found a home."

Historic former church razed, probably by vandals

A former Anglican church that stood for over a century and a half in a remote corner of the Lower Laurentians and that still had a place in the hearts of Anglicans and local residents burned to the ground the night of January 12-13.

The last remaining building in the former community of Shrewsbury had housed *St. John's Church* from its consecration in 1861 until it was deconsecrated and sold for \$1 to the Municipality of Gore at the end of 2010. Hugh Mitchell, a lay reader in the Parish of the Lower Laurentians, of which *St. John's* was at one point a part, said the township had hoped to put the building to some community use but was unable to stop the vandalism that had afflicted the building for years.

He said there is some thought of building some sort of memorial, perhaps a modest park, but the site is quite remote – about five kilometres on a gravel road from the highway between Lachute and Morin Heights.

According to an article written by Jim Kyle, the last people's warden of the church, on the occasion of the deconsecration in 2010, the commu-

nity of Shrewsbury, Quebec, was founded much like other communities of the lower Laurentians, by immigrants, largely from Ireland and Scotland. It was originally one point of a parish known as The Mission of the Gore, which evolved into the Parish of Lakefield, eventually including Holy Trinity Lakefield, *St. Paul's Dunany* and *St. Aidan's Louisa*.

Anglican priests, travelling on horseback, began visiting the area and forming congregations in 1820. Church services were held in private homes throughout the lower Laurentians until churches were built. Construction of *St. John's Shrewsbury* began and may have been completed in 1858 under the direction of Rev. Joseph Griffin on land donated by the first Mayor of Gore Township. Church services were held at *St. John's* for three years before the building was formally consecrated in October 1861.

Neither electricity nor any other modern utility was ever installed.

The population of Shrewsbury went into decline before 1900. Many original settlers discovered that it was impossible to till the rocky land. By the 1960s, only one year-round



REV. CANON CYRUS W.P. BAUGH and Ed Morrison, warden for many years, pose in front of *St. John's Shrewsbury* in the 1950s.

family remained. Summer services were attended primarily by summer and weekend residents. But by 2003 services were reduced to one or two a year.

In 2007 major destruction of the property by vandalism began. Since

mid-2009, the corporation discovered that *St. John's* had also become the target of "Ghost Hunters" prompted by accounts of ghosts on several websites.

The church continued to be used for one annual service until 2009,

when the church was visited and inspected by Archdeacon Edward Simonton of *St. Andrews*. *St. John's* was deemed dangerous and unfit for use unless repairs could be immediately carried out.



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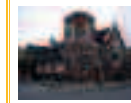
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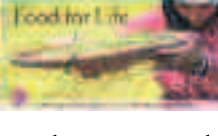


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Cathedral joins coalition on homeless

Christ Church Cathedral, which has been seeking ways to reach out more effectively to itinerants, including those to be found at times on its steps and lawns, has joined a coalition of groups with similar concerns, RAPSIM – Le réseau d'aide aux personnes seules et itinérantes de Montréal. In a shorter-term gesture, the Cathedral recently collected donations of socks and passed them out to guests at its regular (has just been accepted. We are eligible to send a delegate and 2 observers to the assemblée générale this coming Wednesday. I will attach the agenda and information about the meeting. If anyone is interested in attending, please email the Cathedral office.

Resurrection Valois is looking for YOU!

During 2014, the parishioners of the Church of the Resurrection Valois in Pointe Claire, Quebec, will be celebrating the parish's 90th anniversary. A number of activities are being planned throughout the year and they would like former members to join the celebrations. Anyone who, or whose family or friends, attended the Resurrection and would like to know what plans are, contact them by e-mail (office@cotres.ca), telephone (514-697-1910) or Canada Post at 99 Mount Pleasant, Pointe Claire, H9R 2T7. The parish will be sure to touch base with you and parishioners look forward to reminiscing.

Glencross heads east

Rev. Canon Bruce Glencross has announced his retirement after about 23 years as the incumbent of St. John the Baptist Church in Pointe Claire, effective August 31. He and his wife, Carol, will move to a house near Moncton, N.B., that he inherited from his father and they have renovated. Ordained in 1981, he served as a curate at St. Peter's TMR in the Town Royal before becoming the incumbent of Grace Church (now closed) in the Pointe St. Charles district of Montreal. He moved to St. John the Baptist in early 1992 – about 10 months before much of the church was destroyed in a "horrendous" fire. For three years, during the rebuilding, he led worship in temporary quarters in the former Edgewater Hotel. He has been known in recent years for his leadership in opposing diocesan policies on same-sex blessings and, quite recently and less controversially, for heading the committee that organized the diocesan golf tournament.

From Morin Heights to Trent Hills

After seven years' ministry at the Parish of St. Sauveur/Morin Heights in the Laurentians, Rev. Bryce Sangster has accepted an appointment from Right Rev. Linda Nicholls, suffragan Bishop of Toronto, as priest-in-charge of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath, about midway between Ottawa and Toronto. The appointment is effective March 1. The priest was born in the Amos region and began his ministry in a Naskapi community in northern Quebec. He served St. Lawrence LaSalle for 3½ years before moving to the Laurentians. His wife, Janet, is, however, from the Belleville area, where he himself spent some time, and the move will also bring them closer to family, including grandchildren, in Ontario. The selection process at St. Sauveur/Morin Heights is getting under way and in the interim Sunday ministry is

Nadeau-Keats returns to West Island



REV. FRANCIE NADEAU-KEATS is serving as priest-in-charge of the Anglican Parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark's, Dorval, for four months, effective February 1, with the option of renewal, while a selection committee continues to seek a new full-time incumbent to succeed Rev. Karen Eagan. Dr. Eagan stepped down at the end of July to take an interim appointment as director of pastoral studies at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. Ms Nadeau-Keats, is on loan to the Diocese of Montreal from the Diocese of Quebec, where she was serving on the Lower North Shore. She was ordained by Bishop Dennis Drainville of Quebec after serving as a student intern at Christ Church Beaurepaire. The photo shows her at the 2010 convocation of the theological college with Rev. Canon Paul Jennings, then director of pastoral studies.

40 years an Anglitarian!



ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ORMSTOWN, held a reception on Sunday, January 26, on the occasion of retirement of their organist, Mrs. Jean McEwen – 93 years young! Christmas Eve afternoon in 1973, Jean, a Presbyterian, agreed to play the organ for the service that evening. That temporary arrangement ended up lasting, 40 years, during which she claims to have become an Anglitarian, Archdeacon Brian A. Evans priest-in-charge of the parish of Huntingdon/Ormstown reports. He adds, "The congregation has been truly blessed by Jean. Her smile and great sense of humour have been heartwarming. Although she has retired from the keyboard, she will continue to make St. James her church home."

expected to involve Lay Reader Alison Bentley, Rev. Peter Prosser, who recently retired from the Parish of the Lower Laurentians, and Rev. Karen Egan, interim Director of Pastoral Studies at Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

Morris heads for Prince Edward County

After about 17 years of combining a priest's vocation with a career in information technology, Rev. Charles Morris is leaving his position as honorary assistant at the Church of the Resurrection in Pointe Claire to become the full-time incumbent of the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Picton, commencing March 15. Mr. Morris was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Montreal in 1985 and priest the next year and, after a decade in full-time parish launched ministry, began a career in information technology, combined with service as an honorary assistant. "There was always the expectation that I would find my way back" to full-time ministry, Mr. Morris, 56, said recently. He said one of the reasons for a move now is that the youngest of four daughters has moved out into the world – and the lure of Prince Edward County helped lure him to Picton. Prince Edward County, west of Kingston and south of Belleville, is in the Diocese of Ontario and is has many cultural and gastronomic attractions, including some wineries. There's also good sailing and he and his wife, Joan, are enthusiastic sailors. They had worshipped at St. Mary Magdalene a few times on vacation.

St. Francis Dinners

Last year, the Parish of St. Francis of the Birds in Morin Heights, which had been organizing outreach dinners for some time, increased the ticket price by \$2, to \$20, with a view to supporting a community program. The Maison des Jeunes de St. Sauveur, which has a program for school dropouts that is endorsed by the Laurentian School Commission and needed funds for books and other educational materials for the teens and young adults in this school program was selected and \$1,000 was presented to the Maison des Jeunes in St Sauveur on February 4.

Ratcliffe takes a break

Rev. Holly Ratcliffe, priest at Christ Church Sorel, is taking a sabbath leave that began in mid-December and will continue until March 23. Rev. Yves Samson, a priest of the Diocese of Quebec in Trois-Rivières, Drummondville and Acton Vale for about a year and also known as a broadcaster and former aide to Bloc Québécois and Parti Québécois legislators, is filling in for her at Christ Church.

Bridge financing to restore historic church

At its January meeting the Diocesan Council approved a short-term loan of \$69,300 toward the \$99,000 cost of restoring and repairing the foundation of St. George's Church Clarenceville, near Missisquoi Bay and the U.S. border. Built in 1818, the church is the oldest wooden structure in Quebec. The church is paying about 30 per cent of the cost, \$29,700, thanks to a \$10,000 donation and by using reserve funds. The provincial government's Quebec Heritage Foundation has agreed to cover the other \$69,300 but will not transfer the funds until the work is done, as much of it has been. Repayment is expected by the end of April.

Rags to riches



Saint George's Church in Châteauguay hosted an outreach lunch on Sunday, January 26 for the local food bank and women's shelter in Chateauguay. The afternoon was a gathering of "women supporting women;" the parish had collected personal-care products and monetary donations for the two organizations. Parishioner Susan Sutton organized the event, which was a huge success, providing a space for fellowship and community for many women in Châteauguay and addressing a need in the community, the rector, Rev. Robert Camara, says.

Flexible seating proves its worth again



A KITCHEN PIPE that burst in cold weather flooded out a Montessori day care that rents space in an addition to St. Peter's TMR in the Town of Mount Royal – and in a way additionally proved the worth of a decision by the parish in recent years to replace its pews with chairs. The school moved into church space for 4-6 weeks while its usual space was repaired. After church on Sundays the parish moved the chairs out and brings in the day-care tables and chairs, Rev. Chris Barrigar says Saturday morning the process was reversed so the church chairs were in place for Sunday. This not only demonstrated the value of flexibility permitted by the chairs, but the parish had 60 families who came into the church space every day, and this helped the parish connect with the community.

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